

# Emmaus Messenger

From *EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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## CONGREGATION HOLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the Emmaus congregation was held in the church parlors on December 5, 1949, with President Henry Anderson presiding. Meeting opened at 7:45 P.M. with song, Scripture reading and prayer led by Pastor Petersen.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

After William Madsen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, had read the report of the Nominating Committee, the following officers were elected by the congregation:

Secretary (two-year term)—Williston E. Reckhow  
Trustee (three-year term)—Russell Petersen  
Deacon, Book 1 (two-year term)—Elmer Poulsen  
Deacon, Book 3 (two-year term)—Peter Thomsen  
Deacon, Book 5 (two-year term)—Einer Scheel  
Deacon, Book 7 (two-year term)—Christ Jorgensen  
Treasurer (one-year term)—Russell Petersen  
Asst. Financial Secretary (one-year term)—  
William Atkinson  
Nominating Committee (one-year term)—  
Chairman: C. C. Christensen  
Ernest Petersen  
Thomas Sundsted

The President appointed the following committees for 1950:

School Board:—Gardner Clark, Elmo Andersen  
Song Committee:—Hans Jepsen, Victor Andersen  
Auditor's Committee:—Russell Petersen, Ernest Petersen, Elmer Poulsen  
Ansgar Lutheran and Luthersk Ugeblad Publications:—Ernest Petersen, Martinus Jepsen  
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## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At the regular monthly meeting of the Council, December 6, Pastor Petersen set January 1, 1950, as the date for the installation of church officers at the morning service.

The Council appointed Pastor N. P. Sorensen as regular assistant to Pastor Petersen at all communion services.

Decision was made to turn over the Christmas offering to the local expense fund.

It was decided that Pastor Petersen should exercise discretionary powers in the matter of accepting adult members into the church following instruction.

## ROSTER OF CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 1950 COMPLETED

With the elections at the annual congregational meeting of December 5, 1949, the complete list of church officers for 1950 was finally established.

Those who will serve the congregation in the coming year are as follows:

President—Henry Anderson  
Secretary—Williston E. Reckhow  
Financial Secretary—Fred Christensen  
Assistant Financial Secretary—William Atkinson  
Treasurer—Russell Petersen  
Trustees—Oscar Scheel, Henry Lund and  
Russell Petersen

Deacons:

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Einer Poulsen    | 5. Einer Scheel     |
| 2. Gardner Clark    | 6. Hans Jepsen      |
| 3. Peter Thomsen    | 7. Christ Jorgensen |
| 4. William Atkinson | 8. John Hansen      |

## BENEVOLENT SOCIETY SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Are you aware that we have a benevolent society within Emmaus which has paid out over \$21,000.00 in benefits during its 65 years of existence? This organization has brought help to many members in time of illness and distress.

The membership has recently dwindled somewhat owing to the death of a number of older members, and the society needs new members. Any confirmed member of Emmaus up to 55 years of age is welcome to join in this work of mutual assistance.

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month. Dues are 50c a month, and benefits are \$1.00 per day with a maximum benefit period of 15 weeks.

Further information can be obtained from any of the following officers: Oscar Scheel, President; Ernest Petersen, Vice-President; Fred Simonsen, Secretary; Russell Petersen, Treasurer.



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### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A New Year! Our Christian faith puts the emphasis on the word NEW. Our Lord does too: "If any one is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." II Cor. 2:17. For him who has become a new creation there is new grace every day and every year.

Naturally we expect something new in a coming year, but it is possible that the new year can remain the "same old thing"—the same old job, the same old fun, the same old people, the same old church, etc. The same old frustration and sense of defeat can become an habitual hangover. A life of worldly interests and cares has a way of settling into a deadening routine. Trouble can become exceedingly monotonous. Sin is as old as the hills and as drab as a dirty dishrag. How closely people can be bound to a definite pattern—the same old thing!

This is not denying that a job and a home can be exciting. It is merely stating a common experience of many people and describing that life into which the grace of God can inject something new. God offers new grace for every new day and every new year. A Christian, if he is sensitive to the guidance of God, will find life crowded with new experiences of real delight. Just to be able daily to live in God's gracious forgiveness of sins is marvelous. May I say to you who live without a vital relation to God: To become a new creation in Christ beggars description. It is an act of God as glorious as the new birth of nature every spring.

Can there be something new in our church life? With a genuine commitment to God we shall be conditioned for every new grace from God. His benediction can be new every Sunday morning. The ministry of the church can find new and vigorous expression.

It seems to me I sense among you a desire to find some way of making Emmaus a very definite instrument in God's hands in a new way. This could become a very exciting experience and a definite assurance for the future. Let us not be afraid to tackle some big job, something different. It will be good for all our people. They will have a new loyalty.

Midway in 1950 our congregation will enter the 100th year of its existence. It would be appropriate to find some new task with which to begin the second century in service of man and to the glory of God.

I ask you to pray God for guidance toward some definite program which can unite all our possibilities. As pastor I pray God to bless every individual, every home and our congregation this new year.



EMMAUS NOTES



Sixteen new members have been added to the Emmaus family recently. On December 11 Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Durant were welcomed back into our midst. On January 1 the congregation received Mrs. Robert Woodward, Mr. Warren Schultz and Mrs. Oscar Johnson. On the same day, by adult confirmation and baptism, the following members were accepted: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Monday, Mr. Leonard Larsen, Mr. Robert Hess, Mr. Joseph Horvath, Mr. William Hunter, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Miss Eleanor Kopecky, Mr. Ralph Rayner, Mr. Joseph Bohn and Mr. Oscar Johnson.

The Danish Ladies Aid has named the following officers for 1950: Mrs. H. M. Hansen, President; Mrs. Thorwald Andersen, Vice-President; Mrs. Christ Jorgensen, Secretary; and Mrs. Peter Brown, Treasurer.

**Baptized on November 20:** Ludwig Dennis Wiese, son of Ludwig and Evelyn Wiese, born October 7, 1946. Sponsors: Winifred Strand and Stanley Nielson. **Baptized on December 25:** Marie Esther Bidlo, daughter of Leo and Margery Bidlo, born October, 1949. Sponsors: Delores and Duane Drews.

**Funerals:** Mr. George Knudsen, November 28 and Mr. Peter Larsen, December 15.

**Among our sick.** Mrs. Oscar Scheel has been at St. Luke's for medical observation. Miss Emma Petersen is at home again after a hospital stay. Paul Jorgensen, the janitor's son, has recovered from a rather complicated tonsillectomy.

The Ladies Aid has mailed a pamphlet to the women of the church listing the programs for each month's meeting in 1950. The general theme to be followed during the year is "Christian Life in the Home." The objective is to be helpful to our women in the prime task of building Christian homes.

Our readers are perhaps so accustomed to the general layout of the Messenger that they may take the back page of advertisements for granted. Let's not forget that these advertisers are making it possible for us to have a newspaper. They deserve our patronage.

Emmaus will celebrate its 100th birthday in 1951. While no definite plans have yet been formulated, discussions indicate that a rather extensive history of the church will be prepared for this occasion. We urge our members to search out any materials which might be of value in this project: old photographs of groups, history material on the various organizations, membership lists, old clippings. It is not too early to start gathering these things. More definite announcements will follow.

The Messenger is still hungry for more news. Several persons have been very helpful in keeping the editor posted on developments, but the coverage is not yet complete. We should especially like to have more news from the Luther League, the Brotherhood, the Choir, the Mission Society and the Cradle Roll. Contributors should remember that the closing date for

each issue is roughly the 18th of the preceding month. Anything received up to that date will be printed. The news item you have may interest many people.

**A Reminder:** The pastor lectures on the Book of Romans every Wednesday evening at 7:45.

**SO GREAT A DECISION—  
SO FEW TO DECIDE**

Tucked away in the account of the annual congregational meeting, reported elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger, is the story of a motion authorizing the Council to seek a building site for Emmaus.

The motion was carried by a vote of 30 to 17. Thirty votes in the affirmative—less than five per cent of the confirmed membership of the congregation!

That there will be opposition to this move is to be expected—and respected. There are logical, sincere arguments on both sides of the question. There is nothing wrong with difference of opinion, but there is cause for sadness in the fact that so few were interested either one way or the other.

Emmaus can look back upon almost 100 years of service to God and man. What about the future? There is an old saying that one cannot stand still, that one must either move forward or backward. The same thing applies to the church of which we are members.

We have before us a decision which confronts a congregation only once or twice in a century. It demands prayerful, thoughtful consideration. It is the concern of every member. What will the future hold if we don't care?

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

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Emmaus Messenger Publication Committee:—Henry Lund, Ernest Petersen, William Atkinson

The Song Committee made the following appointments, confirmed by the congregation, for the year 1950:

Organist—Gordon Petersen  
Assistant Organist—Alice Klingberg  
Glenn Jensen

Director of Choir—Harry James

Alfred Sorensen moved that the 1950 budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and recommended by the Council be adopted. This was seconded by Christ Jorgensen and carried by the congregation. The budget provides \$7,525.00 for the local general fund and \$4,695.50 for benevolences, or a total of \$12,220.50.

The Secretary read a motion adopted by the Council concerning a future building site for Emmaus. Elmo Andersen made a motion that we look for a building site on which to build, at some future time, an edifice to replace the present church building. The motion was seconded by Einer Scheel, and it was carried by a standing vote of 30 to 17.

Elmer Poulsen moved adjournment at 10:17 P.M. Einer Scheel seconded the motion; carried by the congregation. Meeting closed with prayer led by Pastor Petersen.

This account of the proceedings of the annual meeting is based upon the official minutes as recorded by Secretary W. E. Reckhow.



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## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Like all of you, we in the parsonage have received our offering envelopes. We are happy to feel at one with you in helping to meet the financial obligations of our congregation. Our children, like yours, are receiving their religious education in our Sunday school. Our spiritual life is nourished and sustained in the ministry of the church and in the fellowship of Christian people. Our spiritual needs are met, and we are the object of much thought and prayer just as all of you are.

We are glad to know that our small gifts, when placed together with yours, are made to count for the greatest good in this world. Together we help make possible the preaching of Jesus Christ in our midst and throughout the world. Through our mutual giving we have helped poor and unfortunate people and thereby sustained faith and hope in some brother somewhere. So we really like our box of envelopes and all it represents.

It is what our offerings make possible that is of the greatest importance. The central idea is, of course, the preaching of the gospel which, as Paul writes, is the power of God unto salvation. It is the gospel of the Son of God. When the gospel is preached, taught or listened to, Christ, with His power, is brought into the life of the hearer. When the Word of God is spoken, it is not just the saying of an idea, but the power of God to change lives is brought into contact with people. Faith is made possible. Where faith is, there is eternal life. "He who through faith is righteous shall live." Rom. 1:17.

Church membership finds its ultimate meaning in the hearing of the Word, "not neglecting to meet together." Heb. 10:25. It also means attaching oneself to a group of people in such a way that all our spiritual and moral possibilities are made to count for good in the lives of fellow members. We owe it to them that we "let the Word of God dwell richly among us." Do our lives and faith count in and for the church? That is only another way of asking, "Am I so strong that others can draw on my strength?"

We have a multiplicity of possibilities if we hear the Word of God and are obedient to the voice therein revealed.

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**EMMAUS NOTES**



An emergency created by the failure of the church stoker resulted in the calling of a special meeting of the Council on Friday, January 20. Since the stoker, which had been in use for quite a number of years, was beyond practical repair, it was decided, by a vote of ten to one, to

purchase a new oil burner for use with the present boiler.

This development comes as rather a heavy expense, especially at a time when the church's financial situation is not particularly strong. Normally, expenses of this type are defrayed out of the Improvement Fund, but at the present time the balance in this fund falls far short of covering this purchase.

Accordingly, it is necessary to solicit contributions for the equipment. Those who wish to help may do so by contributing in the regular church envelopes, indicating the amount and the purpose in the third space on the envelope.

This need cannot be stressed too much, for the oil burner can only be paid for through a special effort on the part of the church members. It is an obligation which belongs to all of us.

The Spring Meeting of the Southern Circuit of the Wisconsin District Women's Mission Society has been scheduled for Emmaus Church, Sunday, May 21. This meeting will be under the sponsorship of the Emmaus Women's Mission Society. Announcements concerning program and speakers will follow.

William Allen, member of the senior confirmation class, has recovered from an operation which he had during the holiday vacation. Mrs. Fred Andersen is home after a stay at St. Mary's Hospital for surgery. Mrs. Tony Clausen has been at St. Mary's for some time.

Mr. James E. Hansen and Miss Janet C. Schaefer were united in marriage on December 31, 1949.

Carrie Ruth Wahlen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Wahlen, born December 6, 1949, was baptized January 22, 1950. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller.

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**THE PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1949**

To the Emmanus Evangelical Lutheran Congregation! Grace and Peace!

"I thank my God in all remembrance of you . . . thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Phil. 1:3.

These words of the apostle Paul express very well my first impression as your pastor. Mrs. Petersen and I often mention to each other how we are "carried along" by you through your love and prayers. I also feel "thankful for your partnership in the gospel." You have indicated your willingness to hear the Word of God and to labor for its everwidening influence.

I hesitate to make any further observations so early in my ministry among you. Nor do I wish to give any specific directives which, however, I think a pastor ordinarily must be able to do as a shepherd of his people. There seem to be emerging two distinct urges among our people. The one is to find another location in which to begin a new church work in the near future. The other urge is to attempt a more intensive work among the people living in close proximity to our present location. There is no conflict in these objectives. There are individuals who entertain both ideas, and it seems to me that we ought to do both. If that becomes our common vision, we shall be united in a partnership in the gospel which God will richly bless. Let us quietly pray for God's guidance and blessing.

The report on ministerial acts for the year 1949 follows:

Baptisms .....	24	— including 3 adults
Confirmed .....	19	— all adults
New members .....	8	— by transfer
Loss of members .....	11	— by transfer and death, not including a number of cancellations
Weddings .....	9	
Funerals .....	9	— two for members
Communicants .....	446	
Total participation at Communion .....	1213	

The revised membership list: 625 confirmed members  
950 baptized members

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**The funeral of Mrs. Soren Christensen**, 1025 Blaine Avenue, took place on December 29, 1949. The funeral of Mr. Nels Peter Nelsen, Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Racine, was held on January 10, 1950.

**The Emmaus choir joined with Mr. and Mrs. Harry James** in celebrating the latter's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at the Women's Club, Saturday evening, January 28.

**Incidentally, the choir is still looking for a few more men's voices** to balance out its membership.

**In this issue of the Emmaus Messenger, we have rearranged the advertising.** The opinion has been expressed that this arrangement is fairer to our advertisers whose ads are perhaps not too frequently read when they are concentrated on the back page. Also, it provides space for news on all pages of the Messenger. Criticism and suggestions are invited.

**We should like to have given you a full front page of news in this issue** rather than run the scene that appears, but the material was not available. Perhaps a picture on the first page is acceptable occasionally, but a congregation of our size should have enough news to pack the pages of its publication every month. Again may we urge all groups to report their activities to the editor.

**PRESIDENT OF CONGREGATION  
 MAKES APPOINTMENTS**

At the Council meeting of January 3, the following appointments were made by President Henry Anderson and confirmed by the Council:

Vice President ..... Peter Thomsen  
 Chairman, Board of Trustees .... Oscar Scheel  
 Official Greeter ..... Ernest Petersen  
 Chief Usher ..... Russell Petersen  
 Custodian of Charity Boxes ... Julius Poulsen  
 Reader of opening and closing  
 prayers ..... Harold Miller  
 Assistant Reader ..... Ernest Petersen  
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 William Atkinson, Gardner Clark

Also at the January 3 meeting of the Council, the following agenda was established for the continuation meeting of the congregation, January 30: Pastor's Report, Auditor's Report, Treasurer's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Election of Delegates for 1950 Synodical and District Conventions, Appointment of Committee on future building site. Results of this meeting cannot be reported here since this issue of the Messenger went to press shortly before the meeting was held.

**THE PASTOR'S REPORT**

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At the start of 1950, Bible Study on Wednesday evenings was begun. The highest number in attendance thus far has been 40. It is hoped that these studies can be made a permanent service of our church.

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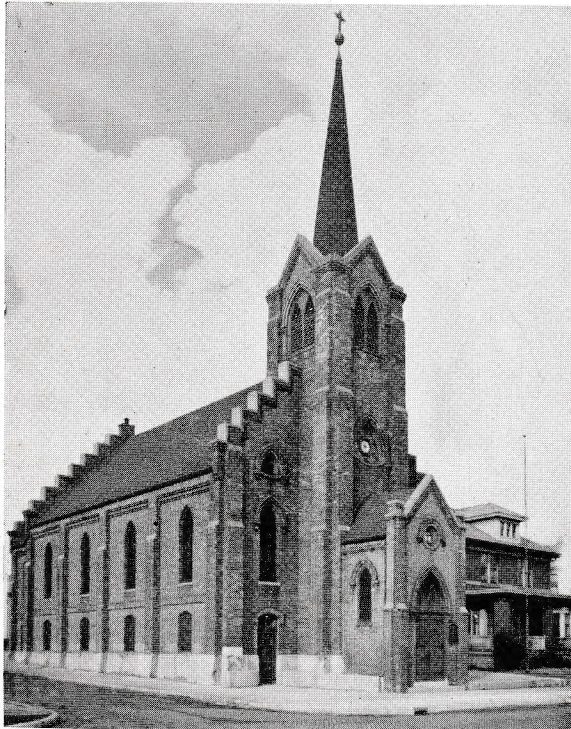
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This is the Lenten season of the church year. The evangelical emphasis upon Lent is in harmony with the great fact of atonement. The Christian church is called upon to rethink and restate, seriously, the meaning of the cross. It is not called upon to make some superficial manipulations of things or time which may have nothing to do with faith in Christ and Him crucified.

Certainly the great facts of the life, suffering and death of Christ, upon which alone our salvation is based, are reasons for serious contemplation and devotion. It is in keeping therewith that we urge full attendance at our church services. Let us respond to the message of Lent. The Sunday morning worship and the Wednesday evening service should be faithfully attended.

This is no idle plea. There can be no Christian life without the hearing of the Word of God. There are legitimate excuses, but despising and belittling the preaching of God's Word are sins against the Sabbath Day and one's own soul. This season should give many parents an occasion to start going with their children to the church services. You can say, "This is Lent. Let's all go to church today." If necessary, let the parents alternate in going. The worship of God is good for the soul. It is the soul that counts. God cannot bless us if we are negligent.

I have indicated that Lent demands sober thinking about the great themes of our faith. It also requires of us a joyous acceptance of salvation. No matter how somber the cross may appear on Calvary, it is the good news of redemption. Good news should bring a joyous response.

Sin certainly comes under judgment at the cross of Christ. There Jesus bore our sins upon His own body. We ought to be deeply stirred with repentance for all our sins. We should confess with remorse in order that we may have forgiveness.

Forgiveness is also the message of the Cross. By the grace of God, and through faith in Christ, we may have peace and joy and freedom from guilt. Many of us need to catch up on repentance and faith. We have been so indifferent that we are in danger of losing sight of the great salvation which is the good news of Lent. What Christ offers is eternal life. "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

## IN THIS ISSUE

As is customary, one issue of the Emmaus Messenger each year is devoted to a financial resume of the various organizational activities and of the church as a whole.

In the following pages you will find these statistics. The figures for the church body are complete. Unfortunately, we do not have the statements from all of the societies since these were not available at the time this issue went to press.

Should any of the groups not listed wish to have their statements published, we shall be happy to include them in the next issue.



# Treasurer's Report for 1949

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR 1949

Bank balance, January 1, 1949	\$ 641.61
Received from Members' Envelopes	7,076.41
Received from loose collections	324.06
Received from Initial Envelopes	90.21
Received for "Ads" in Emmaus Messenger	270.00
Received from Merchants Delivery	75.00
Received from Christmas Offering	178.85
Received from Emmaus Luther League	50.00
Transferred from Building Fund	500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$9,206.14</b>

### Disbursements

Pastors' Salaries	\$3,150.00
Janitor Services	344.94
Musical Accounts	948.09
Fuel and Hauling of Ashes	507.20
Water, Phone, Gas & Electric	352.29
Office Supplies and Postage \$670.89; Insurance \$149.09	819.98
Maintenance of Buildings \$804.08; Daily Vacation Bible School \$203.94	1,008.02
Delegates to Conventions \$50.50; Emmaus Messenger \$464.65	515.15
Taxes on Janitor's Home	46.97
Weekly Papers to Members	372.81
Altar Wine & Wafers \$5.45; Altar Candles \$50.90	56.35
Service Announcements in Journal Times	50.90
Church Picnic Expense \$11.06; Supply Pastors \$70.00	81.06
Flowers for Anniversaries \$22.00; Rental of Chairs \$8.00	30.00
Farewell Party for Rev. Magnusen	44.94
Rev. Petersen's moving expense	442.27
Emmaus Students at Bible Camp	15.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$8,785.97</b>

Bank Balance, January 1, 1950	\$ 420.17
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### MISSION FUNDS

Receipts from Members' Envelopes	\$3,466.20
Received from Mrs. Abrahamsen Estate	100.00
Received for Church and School Fund	36.60
Received for Wisconsin Welfare Society	3.45
Offering for Wisconsin District Mission	139.22
Offering for Pension Fund	120.65
Offering for American Bible Society	70.25
Offering for Eben-Ezer Home	109.10
Offering for Students' Foundation (Madison)	259.09
Offering for Rev. Hagedorn's Church (Detroit)	140.94
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$4,445.50</b>

### Disbursements

Children's Homes \$300.00; Dana College & Trinity Seminary \$1,051.27	\$1,351.27
General Fund \$577.00; Home Missions \$387.88	964.88
Indian Mission \$156.00; Utah Mission \$50.00	206.00
Pension Fund \$500.00; Church & School Fund \$36.60	536.60
Wisconsin District Mission \$444.37; Wis. District Mission Expense \$47.00	491.37
Eben-Ezer Home, Brush, Colorado \$159.10; Luth. Welfare Society of Wis. \$200.00	359.10
Lutheran Students' Foundation, Madison	259.09
Rev. Hagedorn's Mission Church, Detroit	140.94
Racine Hospital Chaplain \$66.00; American Bible Society \$70.25	136.25
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$4,445.50</b>

### LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION

Bank balance, January 1, 1949	\$ 50.00
Receipts	670.10
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 720.10</b>
Disbursements	720.10
<b>Balance, January 1, 1950</b>	<b>00.00</b>

### IMPROVEMENT FUND

Bank Balance, January 1, 1949	\$ 660.02
Receipts from Members	78.40

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## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1949 (Continued from previous page)

Total Receipts .....		\$ 738.42
Disbursements .....		434.96
Bank balance, January 1, 1950 .....		\$ 303.46
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
Bank Balance, January 1, 1949 .....	\$ 588.75	
Interest .....	2.94	
Transferred to Local Funds .....		\$ 591.69
		500.00
Bank Balance, January 1, 1950 .....		\$ 91.69

CHRIS CHRISTENSEN, Treasurer.

## Membership Record and 1949 Contributions Through Envelopes

EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH, RACINE, WIS.

A	C
Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Wm., Route 3 Box 177 .....	Caspers, Mrs. F. J., 1438 Cleveland Ave., .....
Andersen, Mrs. Aage, 704 Randolph St., .....	Cespkes, Mr. and Mrs. John, 2039 Clark St., .....
Elise, 704 Randolph St., .....	Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Chris, 2037 Deane Blvd., .....
Kai, 704 Randolph St., .....	Christensen, Mr. David, 426 West Blvd., (Transferred) .....
Andersen, Rev. E. R., 614 Ninth St., .....	Christensen, Mrs. Ethel, 2042 Kinzie Ave., .....
Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo, 2317 Hansen Ave., .....	Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, 1235 Grove Ave., .....
Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, 1918 Harriett St., .....	Ruth, 1235 Grove Ave., .....
Shirley, 1918 Harriett St., .....	Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. J. W., 2426 E. 20th St., .....
Andersen, Mr. Harry F., 1625 Blaine Ave., .....	Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, 2410 Kinzie Ave., .....
Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, 3606 Haven Ave., .....	Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Soren, R 2 Box 173, Racine .....
Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. John A., 2322 Hansen Ave., .....	Kenneth, R 2 Box 173, Racine, .....
Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy, 1645 Thurston Ave., .....	Milton, R 2 Box 173, Racine .....
Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben, 246 Harrison St., .....	Raymond, R 2 Box 173, Racine, .....
Norman, 246 Harrison St., .....	Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R., 1146 Villa St., .....
Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 1210 Chatham St., .....	Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans, R 1 Box 354, Racine .....
Andersen, Mr. Stefan, Rt. 1, Box 103-B, Franksville, Wis. ....	Christiansen, Miss Alice, R 1 Box 354, Racine .....
Andersen, Mr.** and Mrs.** Thor, 1438 Summit Ave., .....	Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs. Otto, 2207 Spring St., .....
Andersen, Mr. Thorwald, 2049 Quincy Ave., .....	Christopherson, Mrs. A., 1511 May St. ....
Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Victor, 2523 Drexel Ave., .....	Christopherson, Mr. George, 252 Wickham Blvd. ....
Janet, 2523 Drexel Ave., .....	Christopherson, Mr. and Mrs. John, 524 Hayes Ave. ....
Paul, 2523 Drexel Ave., .....	Christopherson, Miss Patricia, 1632 Prospect St. ....
Andres, Mr. Viggo, 1909 Vale St., .....	Christopherson, Mr. Richard, 1632 Prospect St., .....
Andres, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, 320 Chicago St., (transferred) ..	Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, 907 Villa St., .....
Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm., 1230 Forest St., .....	Charles, 907 Villa St., .....
	Clausen, Mr. Allen, 1304 Milwaukee Ave., .....
	Clausen, Miss Carol, 1309 Summit Ave., .....
	Clausen, Mr. Roland, 1400 N. Wisconsin St. ....
	Clausen, Mrs. Vernon, 1516 Isabelle Ave. ....
	Colt, Mrs. Edel, 3223 N. Main St., .....
	Cook, Mr. and Mrs. John, 709 Chicago St., .....
	Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, 1213 Isabelle Ave., .....
	<b>D</b>
	Dalgard, Mr. and Mrs. C., R 2 Box 504, Racine, .....
	Lee, R 2 Box 504, Racine, .....
	Davidson, Mrs. Anna, 2036 Mead St., .....
	Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf, 2302 High St., .....
	Demant, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, R 1, Sturtevant, .....
	George, R 1, Sturtevant, .....
	John Lewis, R 1 Sturtevant, .....
	Roy F., R 1, Sturtevant, .....
	Dykstra, Mr. Roy, R 3 Box 37, Racine (Tfr) .....
	<b>E</b>
	Eaton, Mrs. Sheldon, Box 72, Sturtevant, .....
	Eichsteadt, Mrs. Raymond, 1735 Deane Blvd., .....
	Arlene, 1735 Deane Blvd., .....
	Elzinga, Mr.** and Mrs.** August, 2313 Carlisle Ave. ....
	Erlandson, Mr. and Mrs. Emil, 907 Jackson St. ....

This list contains only those contributions made by envelope.

\*\* Denotes members received during 1949.

\*\*\*Denotes members deceased during 1949.



Estep, Mrs. Lawrence, R 4, Pulaski, Tenn. ....	1.50
<b>F</b>	
Farina, Mr. and Mrs. Rocco, 1414 Goold St., .....	47.00
Fought, Mr. Kenneth, 1941 Harriet St., .....	
Francis, Mrs. Engeline, 1813 Clayton Ave., .....	13.00
Frederiksen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl; 1003 Prospect St., .....	18.00
Delores, Miss, 1003 Prospect St., .....	6.50
Fredericksen, Mrs. Earl, 1214 Cleveland Ave., .....	6.00
Fredericksen, Miss Julia A., 2410 Kinzie Ave., .....	45.00
Fredrickson, Nels, Waterford, Wis. ....	

<b>G</b>	
Gardinier, Mr. and Mrs. James, Alden, Ill., .....	11.00
Gemmel, Miss Anna Marie, 1141 Michigan Blvd. ....	
Gemmel, Miss Doris Jean, 1141 Michigan Blvd. ....	
Gemmel, Mr. William, 1141 Michigan Blvd. ....	
George, Miss Edith, 1223 Lathrop Ave., .....	6.25
George, Miss Flora, 1223 Lathrop Ave., .....	4.35
George, Mr. Floyd, 1223 Lathrop Ave. ....	
George, Miss Mary Ann, 1223 Lathrop Ave. ....	11.67
George, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, 619 Wolff St. ....	16.00
Gluck, Mrs. Zelmira Skropko, 2048 Franklin St. ....	20.00
Grabher, Mrs. Ernest, 1616 Milwaukee Ave. ....	1.00
Alice, Miss, 1616 Milwaukee Ave. ....	.10
Eleanor, Miss, 1616 Milwaukee Ave. ....	.10
Grabher, Mr. Donald, R. 1, Bx. 46, Franksville .....	1.00
Grabher, Mr. George, 1421 Frederick St. ....	.73
Grabher, Miss Janet, 1616 Milwaukee Ave. ....	4.25
Graves, Mrs. James, 1628 Lakewood Ave. ....	3.85
Gregory, Mr. Franklin, 1644 Hamilton Ave. ....	4.25
Gregory, Miss Helen, 1644 Hamilton Ave. ....	16.45
Gregory, Mr. Milton, 1644 Hamilton Ave. ....	4.00
Gustavson, Mrs. Ida, 2811 Douglas Ave. ....	
Gustavson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin, 1701 Kramer Ave. ....	
Gustavson, Mr. Robert, R. 2, Box 354D, Racine .....	

<b>H</b>	
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, R. 2 Box 264, Racine .....	40.00
Hansen, Mr. Anton, 1014 Milwaukee Ave. ....	5.00
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Christian, R. 1, Bx. 265, Sturtevant .....	13.00
Hansen, Miss Ella M., 1728 College Ave. ....	8.00
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin, 1527 Hayes Ave. ....	55.00
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. George F., 1648 Boyd Ave. ....	26.00
Elaine, Miss, 1648 Boyd Ave. ....	29.00
George, Jr., Mr., 1648 Boyd Ave. ....	10.00
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. H. M., 529 Park View .....	47.00
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome, 843 Washington Ave. ....	3.00
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. John, R. 1, Box 265, Sturtevant .....	104.00
Hansen, Mr. Lindy, 4242 Elton St., Ecorse, Mich. ....	
Hansen, Miss Lillian, 1535 Kearney Ave. ....	18.20
Hansen, Mr. Nels, 1915 N. Green Bay Road .....	
Hansen, Mr. Nels, 1640 Carlisle Ave. ....	11.00
Hansen, Mrs. Niels, 1014 Milwaukee Ave. ....	14.00
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, 2040 Eric St. ....	
Alan R., 2040 Eric St. ....	
Hansen, Mrs. P. C., 408 Lafayette Ave. ....	30.00
Hansen, Mr. Delbert, 408 Lafayette Ave. ....	50.00
Hansen, Mrs. P. H., 1940 Deane Blvd. ....	
Hansen, Mr. Robert, 2725 Washington Ave. ....	
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Soren, R. 1, Box 238, Sturtevant .....	36.00
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Soren A., 1014 Milwaukee Ave. ....	10.50
Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald, 911 Ninth St. ....	6.00
Donald, 911 Ninth St. ....	.10
James, 911 Ninth St. ....	
Hartman, Mrs. R. S., 217 S. 62nd St., Milwaukee .....	10.00
Hermansen, Mr. Edward, R. 1, Box 412-C, Cliffside .....	
Hermansen, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, 1025 Walton Ave. ....	
Hess, Mrs. Robert, 2007 Harriet St. ....	5.00
Hjortness, Mr. and Mrs. Einer, 1020 Layard Ave., .....	5.00
Ivan, 1020 Layard Ave. ....	

Lawrence, 1020 Layard Ave. ....	
Hoffman, Mrs. Johanna, 1000 West Lawn Ave. ....	175.00
Hofman, Mr. Olaf, 917 Forest St. ....	12.00
Holmen, Mrs. Jacob, 910 State St. ....	17.00
Goido, 910 State St. ....	9.00
Holtz, Mrs. Geo. A., 2200 Carlisle Ave. ....	6.50
Horvath, Mrs. Joseph, 439 Randolph St. ....	4.00
Hultman, Mr. Richard, 223 Lafayette Ave. ....	5.00
Humpa, Mrs. Stephen, 1406 Liberty St. ....	5.00

<b>J</b>	
Jacobsen, Mr. Anton, 2315 E. 20th St. ....	60.00
Jacobsen, Hr. and Mrs. Arnold, 2821 Wright Ave. (Transf.) .....	9.00
Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, 1600 Park Ave. ....	76.50
Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Chas., 1529 Packard Ave. ....	10.00
Jacobsen, Mrs. Chas., R. 2, Box 333, Racine .....	
Jacobsen, Mr. Geo. R., 2244 Orvington Ave., Evanston .....	50.00
Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Jens M., 909 Ninth St. ....	17.25
James, 909 Ninth St. (Service) .....	1.00
Jacobsen, Mr. George, 909 Ninth St. ....	1.60
James, Mrs. Chris, 2126 Carmel Ave. ....	5.00
Jaskulske, Mrs. August, 910 Hamilton St. ....	
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Aage, 2515 Arlington Ave. ....	27.50
Aage, Jr., 2515 Arlington Ave. ....	.75
Betty, 2515 Arlington Ave. ....	2.00
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M., 1428 Quincy Ave. ....	
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred, 426 West Blvd. ....	52.00
Glenn, 426 West Blvd. ....	
Roy, 426 West Blvd. ....	21.00
Jensen, Miss Carol, 3624 - 20th St. ....	
Jensen, Mr. Harry, 3624 - 20th St. ....	
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Chris, 1723 West Sixth St. ....	
Larry, 1723 West Sixth St. ....	
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Deane, 3221 Republic Ave. ....	1.50
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer, 824 Prospect St. ....	14.00
Barbara, 824 Prospect St. ....	.75
Jensen, Mrs. Frank, 2206 Washington Ave. ....	1.00
Jensen, Mrs. Ida, 1546 Phillips Ave. ....	20.00
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. J. C., 2129 Carmel Ave. ....	62.00
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. John, 1811 West Sixth St. ....	19.00
Jensen, Miss Margaret, 526 Lee St., Evanston, Ill. ....	162.00
Jensen, Miss Marilyn, 1513 Blaine Ave. ....	5.25
Jensen, Mr.*** and Mrs.*** R. O., 1813 Clayton Ave. ....	10.00
Jensen, Mrs. Thomas, 1402 Chatham St. ....	4.40
Jensen, Mrs. William, 831 Jackson St. ....	
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. William, 3408 Three Mile Road .....	4.00
Farrel, 3408 Three Mile Road .....	4.25
Shirley, 3408 Three Mile Road .....	2.55
Starling, 3408 Three Mile Road .....	1.00
Jepsen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans, 2808 - 19th St. ....	110.00
Jepsen, Mr. Martinus, 1648 Boyd Ave. ....	70.00
Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin, 2211 Rupert Blvd. ....	1.00
Johnson, Mrs. Christ, 1122 Rode Ave. ....	12.00
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Kelley, Iowa .....	7.00
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Union Grove, Wis. ....	1.00
Johnson, Mrs. Irving, 2711 Charles St. ....	
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J., 1712 Hamilton St. ....	31.00
Johnson, Miss Joann, 912½ Lockwood Ave. ....	
Johnson, Kenneth, 912½ Lockwood Ave. ....	
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor, 1940 Deane Blvd. ....	2.00
Johnson, Mrs. Walter, 1329 Carlisle Ave. ....	10.00
Johnston, Mrs. June, 736 Main St. ....	
Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Christ, 1020 Blaine Ave. ....	37.00
Eleanor, Miss, 1020 Blaine Ave. ....	10.00
Ella, Miss, 1020 Blaine Ave. ....	4.00
Jorgensen, Mr. Anker, PO Box 1663, Los Alamos, N. M. ....	5.00
Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Erik, 713 Madsen Court .....	16.50
Jorgensen, Mr. Folmer, 439 Randolph St. ....	10.00
Jorgensen, Mrs. Herbert, 712 Lake Ave. ....	
Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Holger, Box 645, Green Bay Road .....	6.00



Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome, 1108 Wisconsin Ave. ....	23.00	Melvin, Mrs. W. E., 712 Lake Ave. ....	150.00
Jorgensen, Mr. Kermit**, Box 143, Union Grove, Wis. ....	11.50	Mielke, Mr. Warren, 1559 So. 30 St., Milwaukee .....	5.00
Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. L. A., 928 Blaine Ave. ....	85.00	Miles, Mrs. Gertrude, 1600 Park Ave. ....	11.10
Lucille, Miss, 928 Blaine Ave. ....	30.00	Miles, Mrs. Lillie, 1321 West Blvd. ....	6.00
Junker, Mr. and Mrs. Omar, 1811½ West Sixth St. ....	22.50	Miller, Mrs. Emily, 709 Chicago St. ....	14.30
<b>K</b>			
Kasproovich, Mrs. Harold, 1418 North St. ....		Miller, Mr.** and Mrs. Harold, 1332 Kewaunee St. ....	52.00
Kasproovich, Mr. LeRoy A.**, 1636 N. Wisconsin St. ....	37.00	Monefeldt, Mrs. H., 2025 Carmel Ave. ....	4.00
Keller, Mr. Richard**, Union Grove, Wis. ....	.15	Monefeldt, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, 2209 Geneva St. (Re- signed) .....	35.00
Keykal, Mrs. David, 520 Barker St. ....	37.00	Rosemary, 2209 Geneva St. (Resigned) .....	
King, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence, 3716 Haven Ave. ....	53.00	Doris, 2209 Geneva St., (Resigned) .....	27.00
Sally, Miss, 3716 Haven Ave. ....	14.00	Mortensen, Mr. Christ W., 821 - 14th St. ....	14.00
King, Mrs. Florence, 916 Huron St. ....	1.00	Mortensen, Mrs. L., 1217 Erie St. ....	
Klingberg, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, 4100 Spring St. ....	85.00	Irma, Miss, 1217 Erie St. ....	
Alice, Miss, 4100 Spring St. ....	242.00	Mortensen, Miss Verna, 1121 Lewis St. ....	9.00
Grace, Miss, 4100 Spring St. ....	70.00	Moskovitz, Mrs. Viola, 2005 Quincy Ave. ....	18.00
Knudsen, Mr.*** and Mrs. George, 2404 Olive St. ....	30.50	Musack, Mrs. George, 246½ Harrison St. ....	
Kouski, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, 940 Marquette St., ....	20.50	<b>N</b>	
Jeanne, Miss, 940 Marquette St. ....	12.50	Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Christ, 1552 Boyd Ave. ....	34.00
Kraemer, Mr.** and Mrs.** Allen, 1239 Highland Ave. ....	5.00	Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Chris, 3119 - 17th St. ....	2.00
Krause, Mrs. Lowell, R. 1, Box 35, Sturtevant .....		Stanley, Mr., 3119 - 17th St. ....	
Kreuscher, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, R. 2, Franksville, Wis. ....	21.45	Nelsen, Miss Olga, 728 Cleveland Ave. ....	200.00
Kwapil, Mrs. Lily, 1524 West Street .....		Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter, 923 DeKoven Ave. ....	
<b>L</b>			
LaBlanc, Mrs. Harold, 1217 Jones Ave. ....	15.00	Nelson, Mrs. Richard, 1200 Highland Ave. ....	68.55
LaFave, Mr. and Mrs.** Donald, 237 Howland Ave. ....	.80	Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Erik, 3321 Fourth Ave. ....	5.00
LaFave, Mr.*** and Mrs. Isadore, 1225 Highland Ave. ....	15.00	Nielsen, Mr. Louis, c.o. Hotel Racine .....	180.00
Lamp, Miss Nettie, 1214 Cleveland Ave. ....	57.20	Nielsen, Mr. Martin, 955 Washington Ave. ....	5.00
Lang, Mrs. Johanna, 2167 Clarence Ave. ....	24.00	Nielsen, Mr. N. P., 1014 Milwaukee Ave. ....	8.00
Lois, Miss, 2167 Clarence Ave. ....	6.00	Nielsen, Mr. Roosevelt, 1217 Jones Ave. ....	16.00
Lange, Miss Edith J., 1832 Taylor Ave. ....	29.00	Nielsen, Mr. Sigfried, c.o. YMCA .....	
Lange, Mrs. John C., 725 Blaine Blvd. ....	40.00	Nielsen, Mrs. Soren, 1642 Grange Ave. ....	
Langenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Byron, 722 Orchard St. ....	150.00	Normalle, Mrs. Marion E., 1117 Marquette St. ....	12.00
Langenfeld, Mrs. Dora, 728 Cleveland Ave. ....	30.00	<b>O</b>	
Larsen, Mrs. Cora, 736 Main St. ....	4.00	Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F., 1829 Clayton Ave. ....	22.00
Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene, 736 Main St. ....	1.00	Olsen, Mrs. Chas., 1312 Hamilton St. ....	3.75
Larsen, Mr. Jerome, 736 Main St. ....	1.00	Olsen, Mr. Harvey, 1312 Hamilton St. ....	12.00
Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. George, 737 Park Ave. (Transf.) ....	34.50	Olsen, Mr. Vernon, 1312 Hamilton St. ....	6.50
Larsen, Mr.** and Mrs. Harry, 1838 Roe Ave. ....	12.35	Olsen, Mr. and Mrs.** Clarence, 1312½ Hamilton St. ....	2.00
Larsen, Miss Jean, R. 2, Box 53-C, Franksville .....	21.00	Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald, 2425 Blaine Ave. ....	
Larsen, Mrs. Louis, 1955 Lawn St. ....	18.00	Olsen, Miss Florence, 2116 Prospect St. ....	285.25
Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, 1714 Erie St. ....	7.75	Olsen, Mr. LeRoy, 2910 Charles St. ....	
Rosemarie, Miss, 1714 Erie St. ....	41.00	Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, 617 Monroe Ave. ....	18.00
Thomas, Mr., 1714 Erie St. ....	1.00	Marion, Miss., 617 Monroe Ave. ....	
Larsen, Mrs. Oline, 1126 Albert St. ....	11.10	Olsen, Mr.*** and Mrs. O. C., 2232 Kinzie Ave. ....	30.00
Lenestrand, Miss Ragna, 2044 Kinzie Ave. ....	51.50	Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L., 2025 Arthur Ave. ....	
Lettsome, Miss Joyce, R. 1, Box 287, Racine .....	2.05	Orttel, Mrs. George, 1014 Albert St. ....	10.00
Liegler, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, 1709 Grand Ave. ....		Arlene, Miss, 1014 Albert St. ....	3.10
Lindgren, Mrs. Lawrence, 736 Main St. ....		Dorothy, Miss, 1014 Albert St. ....	1.50
Lorenzen, Mr. and Mrs. Thor, 3202 Republic Ave. ....	1.00	Orttel, Mr. Harry, 2029 Carmel Ave. ....	
Lorenzen, Mr. Richard, 124 Spruce St., Stevens Point .....		Ostwald, Mr.** and Mrs.** H., 1016 Liberty St. ....	9.70
Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, 828 Wolff St. ....	227.00	<b>P</b>	
Jean, Miss, 828 Wolff St. ....	15.00	Paton, Mrs. Wm. R., W. Wis. Ave., Milwaukee .....	25
Joan, Miss, 828 Wolff St. ....	10.00	Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis, 1626 Thurston Ave. ....	30.50
Larsen, Mrs. Leonard, 2117 Carmel Ave. ....	21.00	Anna, Miss, 1626 Thurston Ave. ....	21.00
<b>M</b>			
Madsen, Mrs. Chris, 2148 Kinzie Ave. ....	50.00	Petersen, Mrs. Agnes, 414 Randolph St. ....	26.00
Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Madsen, 414 Randolph St. ....	35.00	Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J., 1504 Deane Blvd. ....	3.95
Magnussen, Rev. and Mrs. O. V., 1130 Mound Ave. (Trans- ferred) .....	2.00	Petersen, Mr. Arnold Robt., 827 Park Ave. ....	
Makholm, Mrs. M., 1842 Twelfth St. ....	8.50	Petersen, Mrs. Camilla, 2117 Carmel Ave. ....	9.00
Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. V., 909 Washington Ave. ....	60.00	Petersen, Mr. Chas., 332 Wickham Blvd. ....	30.00
Gerald, 909 Washington Ave. ....	3.20	Petersen, Miss Ellen K., 2221 Superior St. ....	23.50
John, 909 Washington Ave. ....	2.00	Petersen, Miss Emma A., 2123 Clarence Ave. ....	75.00
Martin, Mr. and Mrs.** James, 1810 N. Green Bay Road .....	2.50	Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E., 2012 Carmel Ave. ....	100.00
Matthiesen, Miss Emma, R. 3, Box 373, Racine .....		Petersen, Mr. Ervin O., 1622 Linden Ave. ....	
McAbee, Mrs. Beverly, 1319 N. Wisconsin St. ....		Petersen, Mr. Everett, 2702 Eisenhower Drive .....	
		Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, 283 Frank Ave. ....	22.50
		Petersen, Mr. Gerald, 1402 Washington Ave. ....	
		Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, A. J., 1528 Arthur Ave. ....	55.00



Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. James, 2303 Hansen Ave. ....	21.00
Petersen, Mr.*** and Mrs. J. P., Minoqua, Wis. ....	15.00
Petersen, Mr. Julius H., 411 Randolph St. ....	39.50
Russell, G., Mr., 411 Randolph St. ....	45.00
Petersen, Mr. Kenneth, 1629 Milwaukee Ave. ....	
Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Mark, 2224 Erie St. ....	24.00
Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Mogens, R. 3, Box 486, Racine ....	21.00
Eva, Miss, R. 3, Box 486, Racine ....	11.80
James, Mr., R. 3, Box 486, Racine ....	7.75
Vernon, Mr., R. 3, Box 486, Racine ....	9.50
Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Nels, 2044 Kinzie Ave. ....	36.00
Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. P. C., 1530 Isabelle Ave. ....	
Albert, Mr., 1530 Isabelle Ave. ....	
Calvin, Mr., 1530 Isabelle Ave. ....	
Erna, Miss, 1530 Isabelle Ave. ....	
Rose, Miss, 1530 Isabelle Ave. ....	
Violet, Miss, 1530 Isabelle Ave. ....	
Petersen, Mr. Russell, 2117 Carmel Ave. ....	29.00
Petersen, Rev.** and Mrs.** Sigurd, 1130 Mound Ave. ....	50.05
Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Viggo J., R. 1, Box 176B, Sturtevant ....	8.50
Polzin, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, 1924 Hayes Ave. ....	6.40
Poulsen, Mr. and Mrs.** Einer, 4317 - 15th St. ....	5.75
Poulsen, Mr. Elmer, 1130 Main St. ....	100.00
Poulsen, Mr. and Mrs. George, 316 Island Ave. ....	49.15
Poulsen, Mr. Jens, 714 Lathrop Ave. ....	14.00
Poulsen, Mr. and Mrs. Jens, 2104 Kinzie Ave. ....	11.00
Poulsen, Mr. and Mrs. Julius, 1929 Prospect St. ....	35.00
Poulsen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E., 716 Arthur Ave. ....	70.00
Joan, Miss, 716 Arthur Ave. ....	
Protheroe, Mrs. Russell, 1323 N. Main St. ....	23.35
Keith, Mr., 1323 N. Main St. ....	32.35
LeRoy, Mr., 1323 N. Main St. ....	18.26
Psiones, Mrs. John, 905 S. Barstow St., Waukesha ....	29.00

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Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Clair, Westfield, Wis. ....	24.00
Quirk, Mr. and Mrs. Harold, 615 West Lawn Ave. ....	40.00
Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. George, 1144 Grand Ave. ....	20.00
Rasmussen, Mrs. N. P., 2350 Hansen Ave. ....	16.00
Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, R. 2, Box 20, Racine ....	46.15
Rayner, Mrs. Ralph, 838 College Ave. ....	47.00
Reckhow, Mr. and Mrs. W. E., 2302 Hansen Ave. ....	51.00
Reichenberger, Mrs. Geo., 1113 High St. ....	13.00
George, 1113 High St. ....	13.00
Reichenberger, Mr. Russell, 2046 Geneva St. ....	2.00
Reinhardt, Mr. Jack, 2022 Erie St. ....	6.00
Rohner, Mrs. John, 1238 Carlisle Ave. ....	15.00
Rood, Mrs. Clifford, 1802 Flett Ave. (Resigned) ....	2.00
Rubjarg, Mrs. Anna, 1341 Prospect St. ....	12.00
Rubjarg, Mr. Arthur, 1341 Prospect St. ....	50.00
Rubjarg, Miss Florence, 1341 Prospect St. ....	68.00
Rubjarg, Mr. Russell, 214 - 15th St. ....	

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Saliscente, Mr. and Mrs. Joe, 614 Randolph St. ....	
Scheel, Mr. James, 1011 LaSalle St. (Service) ....	
Scheel, Mr. and Mrs. Einer, 2126 Carmel Ave. ....	40.00
Beverly, 2126 Carmel Ave. ....	17.00
Scheel, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar, 2141 Carmel Ave. ....	78.50
Russell, 2141 Carmel Ave. ....	17.00
Schultz, Mrs. Warren, 1528 Grange Ave. ....	
Simonsen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, 701 West Blvd. ....	50.00
Simonsen, Mr. Roger, 709 West Blvd. ....	
Simonsen, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred, 2521 Coolidge Ave. ....	

Smith, Mrs. Robert, 3019 - 21st St. ....	
Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred, 1518 May St. ....	
Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J., 913 Blaine Ave. ....	60.00
Sorensen, Miss Alvilda, 2023 St. Clair St. ....	50.00
Sorensen, Miss Anna, 3305 Washington Ave. ....	38.00
Sorensen, Miss Laura, 3305 Washington Ave. ....	80.00
Sorensen, Miss Marie, 3305 Washington Ave. ....	120.00
Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Christ, 624 Randolph St. ....	12.00
Ewald, 412 Walton Place, Madison ....	1.00
Sorensen, Miss Fern, 1406 Liberty St. ....	5.00
Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. M., 1825 Spring St. ....	45.00
Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, 1838 Roe Ave. ....	16.00
Sorensen, Rev. N. P., 1834 Taylor Ave. ....	128.00
Sorensen, Mrs. S., 2405 Green St. ....	2.00
Sorensen, Mr. Wallace, 2709 Green St. ....	26.30
Stewart, Mrs. L. P., 2402 Olive St. ....	25.00
Stewart, Mrs. Roy, 238 Chicago St. ....	50.00
Stougaard, Mr. and Mrs. Chris, 1229 Kingston Ave. ....	25.00
Stougaard, Mr. and Mrs. Nels, 2127 Clarence Ave. ....	20.00
Norman, 2127 Clarence Ave. ....	
Suma, Mrs. Mildred, 1917 State St. (Resigned) ....	.80
Sundsted, Mr. and Mrs. Chris, 3318 Osborne Blvd. ....	26.00
Sundsted, Miss Adell, 1610 Blaine Ave. ....	90.00
Sundsted, Mr. Fred, 1610 Blaine Ave. ....	80.00
Sundsted, Mr. and Mrs. T. C., 1125 Blaine Ave. ....	300.00
Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack H., 1612 West Sixth St. ....	15.00

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Thompson, Mrs. Carl, 500 Lafayette Ave. ....	24.00
Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, 2013 Slauson Ave. ....	19.00
Thomsen, Miss Emma, 1614 Taylor Ave. ....	66.75
Thomsen, Mr. and Mrs. L., 2424 Thor Ave. ....	26.00
Erna, 2424 Thor Ave. ....	14.40
Olav, 2424 Thor Ave. ....	23.50
Thomsen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter, 1128 Irving Place ....	53.00
Traeger, Miss Isabelle, 1402 Chatham St. ....	27.00
Treiber, Mr. and Mrs. Jos., 1019 Pearl St. ....	

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Unger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, 1012 Bryson St., Youngstown, Ohio ....	10.00
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Vojtko, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew, 1023 Pacific Ave., Waukegan	
Richard, 1023 Pacific Ave., Waukegan	
Van Valzah, Mrs. J. (transferred) 1329 Carlisle Ave.,	20.00
William, (transferred) 1329 Carlisle Ave.,	7.50
Vogel, Mrs. Walter, 1838 Carlisle Ave.,	22.00
Vojtko, Mrs. Eugene, 2226 Racine St.,	

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Wahlen, Mrs. C. H., 1307 Terrace Ave.,	26.00
Webster, Mrs. Rose, 1202 Kewaunee St.,	
Wendt, Mrs. Jacob, 1214 Cleveland Ave.,	28.00
White, Miss Marie, 5550 Kenmore Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.	25.00
Wiese, Mrs. Ludwig, 1009 Kingston St.	
Wisby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard, 1218 Highland Ave.,	15.00
Wolff, Mrs. Lorraine, 1114 Rode Ave.,	1.00
Wolter, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, 1102 Prospect St.,	52.00
Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, 1021 Arthur Ave.,	51.50
James, 1021 Arthur Ave.,	8.45
Jane, 1021 Arthur Ave.,	10.85
Woodward, Mr. Robert, 402 1/2 Sixth St.,	10.50



## EMMAUS DANISH LADIES AID

## Statement of Income and Disbursements for Fiscal Year 1949

## Income:

Balance on hand, January 1, 1949 .....	\$ 56.53
Collect .....	\$119.30
Penny Strips .....	.31
To Flowers .....	28.94
Women's Missionary Society .....	11.25
Donations .....	45.50
Rummage Sales .....	53.72
Interest .....	.67
	<u>259.69</u>

Total Funds Available for use in 1949 .....

\$316.22

## Disbursements:

Danish Old People's Home .....	\$ 10.00
Women's Missionary Society .....	12.50
Flowers .....	35.00
Home Missions .....	25.00
Eben-Ezer Sister Home .....	20.00
Pension Fund .....	10.00
Utah Mission .....	10.00
Children's Homes .....	105.00
Supplies .....	13.47
Misc. Donations .....	20.30
Entertainments .....	16.05
	<u>277.32</u>

Balance on hand, December 31, 1949 .....

\$ 38.90

## RESERVE FUND

Balance on hand, January 1, 1949 .....

\$107.01

## Receipts:

In memory of Mrs. M. Olsen .....	\$ 20.00
In memory of Mrs. Abrahamsen .....	50.00
Luncheon .....	39.50
Rummage Sale .....	40.00
Birthday Party .....	26.49
Interest .....	1.37
	<u>177.36</u>

Balance on hand, December 31, 1949 .....

\$284.37

## EMMAUS MISSION SOCIETY

## Year Report of 1949

Bank balance of January 1, 1949 .....

\$ 37.15

## Cash Received:

Regular dues .....	\$177.75
Federation dues .....	13.50
Special collections and donations .....	310.71

Total collections .....

501.96

\$539.11

## Disbursements:

Federation dues .....	\$ 16.50
Bethany Home .....	13.75
Sudan Mission .....	65.20
Oaks Mission .....	40.25
Jewish Mission .....	7.00
South America Mission .....	58.95
L. Neve House .....	24.00
Santal Mission Hospital Fund .....	25.00
Japan Mission .....	75.00
D. Peterson of South Africa .....	21.00

Mrs. Chapin's Christmas Fund .....	41.00
For shut-ins and missionaries .....	34.94
General Funds .....	36.62

Total disbursements .....

\$459.21

Bank balance of January 1, 1950 .....

79.90

\$539.11

Members—68

Mrs. Gardner Clark, Treasurer.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

## For Year of 1949

Balance, January 1, 1949 .....

\$137.25

## Total Receipts:

Collections or dues .....	\$666.29
Gifts .....	21.77
Other Sources .....	43.60
	<u>731.66</u>

\$868.91

## Total Disbursements:

Local .....	\$491.70
Missions .....	98.97

\$590.67

Balance as of December 31, 1949 .....

\$278.24

Janet Anderson, Sec.

## EMMAUS ENGLISH LADIES AID

## Total Receipts and Disbursements

January 1, 1949, Bank Balance .....

\$ 26.86

## Receipts:

Collections .....	100.70
Lenten Offering .....	28.00
Plastic Sales .....	6.65
Donations from Members .....	6.90
Rummage Sales .....	93.75
Noon Luncheons .....	77.32
Miscellaneous .....	2.00
	<u>\$342.18</u>

## Disbursements:

W.M.S. Dues .....	\$ 11.00
Flowers .....	16.00
Gift to Japan Mission .....	28.00
Shepard Plate Co. ....	22.00
Purchase of Trays .....	23.40
Towel Service .....	2.90
Our Share of Golden Wedding .....	12.33
Gift to Welfare for Displaced Family .....	25.00
Christmas Gifts—Eben-Ezer Home .....	20.00
Christmas Gifts—Cherokee Mission, Oaks, Okla. ....	20.00
Christmas Gifts—Bethany Home .....	10.00
Christmas Gifts—Home Mission .....	15.00
Pension Fund .....	15.00
Bethany Permanent Fund .....	22.00
Service Paper .....	3.30
Thanksgiving Special Gift .....	10.00
	<u>255.93</u>

Bank Balance, December 31, 1949 .....

\$ 86.25

Margaret V. Petersen, Treas.



**BUILDING SITE COMMITTEE NAMED  
AT JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING**

At the continuation business meeting of the congregation, held January 30, President Henry appointed the following committee to consider possible future building sites for the church and to report their recommendations to the congregation:

- Peter Thomsen, Chairman
- Olga Nelson
- Milton Burdick
- Victor Anderson
- Roy E. Poulsen
- Pastor Sigurd Petersen

Appointment of the members of this committee was confirmed by the congregation.

Also at this meeting, Pastor Petersen presented his annual report to the congregation in the form in which it appeared in the February issue of the Emmaus Messenger.

Auditors' reports approved the books of Treasurer C. C. Christensen and Financial Secretary Fred Christensen.

The annual reports of the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary were read and approved.

It was announced that the synodical convention in June, 1950, will be held in Hutchinson, Minnesota. An effort was made at this meeting to select a delegate from Emmaus, it having been voted to send one representative officially from the congregation. However, since this matter could not be immediately resolved, it was decided to postpone the selection of a delegate until the April meeting of the congregation.

President Anderson again stressed the importance of discharging the debt on the church's new oil burner through church envelope contributions specifically identified for that purpose.

**HOW DO WE STAND?**

At this time, with the presentation of the financial statements for 1949, it might be well to look at the figures for recent years—for purposes of comparison.

Here are the overall receipts and disbursements for the three years prior to 1949:

1948—	
Receipts .....	\$14,745.35
Disbursements .....	16,232.37
1947—	
Receipts .....	\$11,906.49
Disbursements .....	11,660.89
1946—	
Receipts .....	\$21,104.27
Disbursements .....	21,897.86

**DR. N. C. CARLSEN**

The deep sense of loss felt by our synod upon the death of its president, Dr. N. C. Carlsen, on February 6, is tempered by thankfulness to God for the many years of devoted labor which this servant was permitted to offer to the cause of Christ among our people.

During a quarter-century as leader of our synod, Dr. Carlsen worked unceasingly for the progress of our own body and toward the improvement and strengthening of its bonds with other Lutheran groups. We pray that God may inspire and qualify others to carry on with Dr. Carlsen's spirit, energy and devotion.

Immediately upon receiving the news of our synodical president's death, the council of Emmaus Church instructed the secretary to send the following telegram to Mrs. Carlsen:

"Emmaus Lutheran Church of Racine, Wisconsin, sends its deep appreciation for all that President Carlsen has been to our church, realizing that his life service to us has been the best, with sincere sympathy to you at his passing on."

**WHAT THE LUTHER LEAGUE DOES**

It teaches real devotion to Christ Jesus, not long-faced pietism or rank modernism.

It cultivates spiritual zeal. It fires youth to go all out for the Lord instead of remaining silent and smug, ignoring the spiritual peril of others.

It develops leaders . . . gives them a job to do—a job that captivates their zest and imagination and trains them for intelligent church leadership.

It encourages Bible study, regular church attendance—discourages spiritual laziness and delinquency.

It puts good reading into the hands of youth and takes gutter tripe out.

It encourages the proper stewardship of time, money and life . . . returning to God His fair share before budgeting for self, not after.

It puts Christ first, others second and self last, in contrast to the popular me, myself and I policy.

O.K., parents! Now, it's up to you. Are you with us? Remember, you can't give to others what you do not have yourself.

—Youth Board, American Lutheran Church.





**BUILDING SITE COMMITTEE MEETS**

The first meeting of the building site committee was held on Thursday evening, February 9, under the chairmanship of Peter Thomsen.

A full announcement of developments would be premature at this time, but it can be mentioned that the committee came to agreement on two sites. Naturally, there must be further investigation even before a report is made to the congregation. Availability, price and other factors must be determined.

In the event that the sites currently under consideration prove to be impractical for one reason or another, the committee will meet again to consider other locations before reporting to the church as a whole.

**DIFFICULTIES IN PRAYER**

—We think that we must help God to fulfill our prayer.

—We make use of prayer for the purpose of commanding God to do our bidding.

—We forget to pray in the name of Jesus.

—Prayer. Hallesby.

**PRAYER**

Lord, what a change within us one short hour  
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!  
What heavy burdens from our bosom take!  
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!  
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;  
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,  
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear;  
We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!  
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,  
Or others—that we are not always strong—  
That we are sometimes overborne with care—  
That we should ever weak or heartless be,  
Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer,  
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

—Richard C. Trench.

**A STEADYING INFLUENCE**

Lutheranism is one of the steadying religious influences in America today. While many other groups have been in turmoil over modernism, fundamentalism and other isms, the Lutheran Church has been little disturbed. It couples an evangelical fervor with a conservative view point to produce a type of church life that Protestantism can ill afford to lose. With each new generation, one more decade removed from its European background, the influence of the Lutheran Church in America must become increasingly marked.

—A Lutheran Handbook. Traver.

**GOD'S WILL**

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,  
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet;  
I asked and paused; it answered soft and low,  
"God's will to KNOW."

"Will Knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried.  
But ere the question into silence died  
The answer came, "No, this remember, too,  
God's will to DO."

Once more I asked, "Is there still more to tell?"  
And once again the answer sweetly fell:  
"Yes, this one thing all other things above,  
God's will to LOVE."

—Author unknown.

Indeed, a Christian should have assurance. But assurance is not a requirement for becoming a Christian. We are saved by faith, not by assurance. Assurance is not a requirement for salvation, but a result of being saved.

To have faith is to come to Christ with your sins and confess them to Him without guile. From that moment a person is saved, no matter whether he feels joy or sorrow. For it is written: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). So simple is the way of salvation.

—Why I Am a Christian. Hallesby.





**EMMAUS NOTES**



**During Lent, the Wednesday Evening Services** will be held in the church auditorium. The messages will take the form of meditations on appropriate texts from the Book of Romans. Following are the texts and topics:

- March 1—Romans 5:12-21  
Death Through Adam—Life Through Jesus Christ
- March 8—Romans 6:1-14  
United With Christ in His Death and Resurrection
- March 15—Romans 6:15-23  
Now Servants of Righteousness
- March 22—Romans 7  
Free from the Law and Inner Conflict
- March 29—Romans 8:1-10  
No Condemnation for Those Who Are in Christ

At the Council Meeting of February 7, it was decided to authorize Pastor Petersen to hold communion services every other month on Sunday evening, with the morning communion service to continue in alternate months. This plan will be continued until congregational opinion in the matter has been thoroughly established. The new procedure will begin after Easter.

The Evangelism Committee, now embarked upon the second phase of its canvass project, has adopted an information card to be filled out for each home visited by the lay visitors. This card will contain name and address, church affiliation information, statistics regarding children, their ages, Sunday School membership,

etc., and summary remarks. It is expected that these cards will provide valuable follow-up records for future use.

The Mission Welfare will furnish the speaker for the fall mission meetings at Emmaus.

The English Ladies Aid, at its meeting on February 15, decided to drop its regular dues policy for a period of a year, substituting free will offerings at each meeting. Leading the devotions at this meeting was Mrs. William Christensen. Mrs. A. V. Martin spoke to the group on the subject "Good Reading in the Home." A vocal solo was offered by Mrs. Gertrude Miles. The Ladies Aid urges all women of the church to attend the meetings of the organization. It is the objective of the Ladies Aid to expand its membership to church-wide proportions.

The Women's Mission Society, like the Ladies Aid, has also instituted a policy of free will offerings for a trial period of six months in place of its former regular dues. The women of the church are likewise urged to join the Mission Society, now beginning its second quarter-century of activity in Emmaus.

On Palm Sunday, April 2, new members will be received and another adult class will be confirmed at the morning service. In the evening the choir will present a program of Easter songs and music. The new adult class began its period of instruction on February 20.

A son, Philip Luther, was born to Pastor and Mrs. Frank Berg on February 2 at Centerville, South Dakota.

Recent Emmaus funerals: Miss Alvilda Sorensen, February 2; Mr. Clyde L. Stacey, February 14.

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**ber of baptisms recently.** Timothy Lee Sorensen, son of Alfred and Selma Sorensen, born November 1, 1949, baptized January 22. Sponsors: Marvin Johns, Mr. and Mrs. James Sorensen.

Gillian Kemper, daughter of Ervin and Joan Kemper, born February 15, 1947, baptized January 29. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Hansen.

Roger Alan Christopherson, born August 18, 1935, baptized February 5. Foster parents and sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Christ Normalle.

Judith Ann Olsen, daughter of Francis and Myrtle Olsen, born July 13, 1941, baptized February 5. Sponsors: Fred King and Mrs. Ruby Orton.

Gerold Frank Olsen, son of Francis and Myrtle Olsen, born December 7, 1945, baptized February 5. Sponsors: Herman Luedtke, Jr., and Mrs. Lucille Thieme.

Robert Lee Orton, son of Charles and Ruby Orton, born February 15, 1944, baptized February 5. Sponsors: Mrs. Myrtle Olsen and Fred King.

Brian Orton, son of Charles and Ruby Orton, born September 3, 1949, baptized February 5. Sponsors: Herman Luedtke and Mrs. Florence King.

Roger Allen Hansen, son of Christian and Beverly

Hansen, born September 28, 1949, baptized February 12. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. William Allen.

Sharon Artha Butrum, daughter of Wayne and Mable Butrum, born January 18, 1950, baptized February 19. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Olsen.

**Always, in every congregation, there are a few members** who are always ready to do the menial, disagreeable jobs quietly and without recognition. We, too, have such individuals—they recently cleaned up the boiler room after the installation of the new oil burner.

**Mr. Gardner Clark is convalescing** after a lengthy and painful period of illness. Mr. Thor Lorenzen is at the Veterans' Hospital, Woods, Wisconsin.

**Why not tell the church about the activities of your organization?** This month the Ladies Aid and the Mission Society called the editor with news, but we're still waiting for word from the other groups. How about the next issue? Just telephone the editor by March 18 and give him the details. Let's make the Emmaus Messenger a newspaper to which our members will look forward every month.

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## PEACE BE UNTO YOU!



### **"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

*"Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

*Of triumphant gladness,*

*God hath brought His Israel*

*Into joy from sadness;*

*'Tis the spring of souls today:*

*Christ has burst his prison,*

*And from three days sleep in death,*

*As a sun hath risen.*

*"But today amidst the Twelve*

*Thou didst stand bestowing,*

*Lord, Thy peace, which evermore*

*Passeth human knowing.*

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

*Of triumphant gladness;*

*God hath brought His Israel*

*Into joy from sadness."*

(John of Damascus, VIII Cent.)



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### SUNDAY SERVICES

*Sunday School and Bible Classes*.....9:00 a.m.  
*Morning Worship*.....10:10 a.m.

### OTHER MEETINGS

*Luther League*.....Each Sunday 6:30 p.m.  
*Church Choir*.....Each Thursday 8:00 p.m.  
*Church Council*.....First Tuesday 7:45 p.m.  
*Benevolent Society*.....Second Monday 8:00 p.m.  
*Missionary Society*.....Second Tuesday 8:00 p.m.  
*Danish Ladies Aid*.....Second Wednesday 2:00 p.m.  
*Fellowship Group*.....As announced  
*Sunday School Teachers*.....Third Tuesday 8:00 p.m.  
*Cradle Roll Workers*.....As announced  
*Brotherhood*.....Last Tuesday 8:00 p.m.  
*Ladies' Aid*.....Third Wednesday 2:30 p.m.  
*Confirmation Classes*.....Saturday 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The greeting of the early Christians was, "The Lord is risen," and the response would be, "He is risen indeed." We say, "Happy Easter." The impression registered on our minds by these two words may be quite hazy; it may vary from an image of rabbits and Easter eggs to the deepest convictions of our Christian faith. It is hoped that we do not make a travesty of the most glorious fact of human history. Christ did arise. He is the risen Lord. He arose for our justification. Death has lost its sting.

There is a constant apprehension that burdens my soul. I fear that the heart of our Christian message—that which we have to preach and believe—is not comprehended. We may be living within our family circles day by day, apparently unmindful of the fact that the dear ones about us will sooner or later be lost to us eternally—unless Christ's victory over death is a certainty. Indeed, we have no right to indulge in sporadic sentimentalism on occasions of sorrow, that the dead has gone home, unless we have embraced Him who died for us that we may have eternal life. It must be a little difficult to look around from one to another of our loved ones and say, "I have no hope for you and I have no hope to give you. Life is cheap. It has only temporal value, no eternal value whatsoever. You see, I don't believe in Jesus. I am no Christian."

We who believe often fail to make the most out of Christ's victory over death. Death which has been defeated is still our enemy. We are still "subject to life-long bondage" through fear of death. Read these two paragraphs by M. H. Lichliter:

"If a dear friend is leaving us for a trip to Europe, we talk volubly about all that he is to see, about art galleries and palaces and hotels and the quaint ways of foreign lands. But if a friend is about to go to heaven, we have nothing to say. Is it because there is, at bottom, a basic unbelief in what may lie beyond the incident of death? Why are we so hesitant and embarrassed? Why is it considered a symbol of a forlorn hope if a minister prays in a sickroom? Dr. Edward Shillito, a leading Congregational minister of London, says plainly that it looks as though we did not plan as if we were certain that beyond the bounds of this life our friends would enter a life not less but more personal than the life lived here on earth.

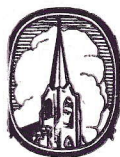
"Do you recall the deeply human touch in the gospel story of the Transfiguration? When Jesus was there on the mount talking with Moses and Elijah, what do you suppose they were talking about? The record says that they were speaking of the decease which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. In the midst of the glory they spoke of death. Why not? If one has lived with the spirits of just men made perfect, if one has lived the eternal life now in this world, what difference could death make?"

Easter has a dynamic message. "As He arose so shall we arise." "We shall be like Him." This message of life is already applicable here and now. "The death he died he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So (and this is the punch)

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**EMMAUS NOTES**



The Emmaus Mission Society had the Kyushu Mission Society of Immanuel Lutheran Church as guests at its meeting on March 7. The Kyushu Society presented an exceptionally fine program, and an evening of warm fellowship was enjoyed. The Emmaus Mission Society recently made the following gifts: \$25 to the Dana Building Fund in memory of Dr. N. C. Carlsen, \$25 toward the Boys' Dormitory at Oaks, Oklahoma, and \$25 to the Jewish Mission.

Sunday, May 14, has been set as the day of confirmation for the class of young people who are now in the last weeks of their two years of instruction.

On Palm Sunday, April 2, the following members of the adult instruction class will be confirmed: Mr. Albert Christensen, Mr. Harold Kasprovich, Mr. Ronald C. Redlin, Mr. Jacob Rohner and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis. New members will also be received at this service.

The Ladies' Aid, at its March meeting, voted to organize the women of the church into units which will meet monthly in the homes. A committee was appointed to actuate this plan and to select leaders for each unit. The units will be made up according to local territories in order to eliminate the transportation problem. The committee members are: Mrs. Wm. Christensen, president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Reuben Andersen, Mrs. Wm. Atkinson, Mrs. Chris Christensen, Mrs. Martin Christensen, Mrs. Thomas Sundsted and Mrs. Sigurd D. Petersen.

A lenten offering was received at the meeting, and it was decided to send a gift of \$25 to apply toward a car for Lloyd Neve, our missionary to Japan.

"The Bible in the Home" is the topic for the April meeting of the Ladies' Aid. It will be presented by Mrs. Carl Klingberg. Mrs. Henry Ostwald and Mrs. Edgar Wolter will give readings, and there will be a vocal duet by Mrs. Wm. Christensen and Mrs. Elmo Andersen. Remember the date—April 19.

At the church council meeting of March 7, it was

decided to buy a robe for Harold Andersen for his use in the ordination service at the synodical convention at Hutchinson, Minnesota, in June.

Contributions to defray the cost of the new oil burner total \$184.85 as this issue of the Emmaus Messenger goes to press. This sum is still considerably below the amount needed to discharge this expense. As has been stated previously, the installation of the oil burner was an unforeseen burden. Funds for the purpose were not available out of the church treasury. Only through specific contributions can this obligation be retired. We hope to be able to report in the next issue of the Messenger that the oil burner is completely paid for. If you want to help, make your gifts in the regular church envelopes—marking "oil burner" in the third column.

The Council has decided to report the exact financial status of the church in the Sunday Bulletin each month on the first Sunday after the Council meeting. It is believed that this procedure will promote a better understanding and appreciation of the church's obligations and problems among its members.

Sunday, April 30, has been designated as Carlsen Memorial Day. This occasion, suggested by the Home Mission Board, will be observed throughout the synod. In memory of Dr. N. C. Carlsen, a special offering will be received for the Church and School Development Drive.

Lutheran World Action will again be administered in Emmaus Church by the Women's Missionary Society. The drive will soon be under way, with completion scheduled for some time in May. This year's overall goal for Lutheran World Action is \$3,200,000; our synod's share is \$34,345.85.

In mentioning the personnel active in the various functions of Emmaus Church, we neglected to identify our reader at the regular church services. He is Mr. Harold Miller. Though he has been in our church family only a comparatively short time, Mr. Miller seems to us a member of long standing. He is teaching the oldest boys' class in the Sunday School and he has been active and cooperative in other functions of the church.

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**Regular Wednesday evening Bible lectures will be resumed on April 26.** It is hoped that the attendance, which has steadily increased in the past, will continue to grow in the months to come.

**The following calendar has been set for Easter week.** Palm Sunday, April 2—Adult confirmation and reception of new members. Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:45 P.M.—Communion Service. Good Friday, April 7, 10:10 A.M.—Communion Service, especially for those who cannot or would rather not attend Thursday evening. Also on Good Friday, the traditional Three-Hour Service will be held at Atonement and Holy Communion churches from 12 noon to 3:00 P.M. Easter Sunday, April 9, Sunrise Service—6:00 A.M.; Children's Service—9:00 A.M.; Regular Easter Service—10:10 A.M.

**Pastor E. R. Andersen will be the speaker** at the Sunrise Service on Easter morning. The Easter offering this year will go to the local work of our congregation.

**Coming events at Emmaus.** The Southern Circuit of the Luther League will meet at Emmaus on Sunday, April 30, 4:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. Supper will be served between the services.

Pastor Harold Olson will visit our church on May 9. Pastor Olson is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and is a missionary to Colombia. He is a personal friend of Pastor Petersen.

Circle Sunday, May 21, on your calendar. That's the date for the Southern Circuit meeting of the Women's Missionary Society. It will be held at Emmaus, afternoon and evening, and the speaker will be Pastor Arnfeld Morck.

**Funeral services were held at Emmaus** on March 2 for Michael Stephen Musack, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Musack and on March 17 for Mrs. L. A. Jorgensen.

**Emmaus weddings.** On February 25, Lewis Ramage and Patricia Christopherson. On March 25, Bill Hunter and Shirley Andersen.

**Currently on the sick list** are Miss Ella Hansen, Mrs. Spranger, Warren Bergman, Chris Christensen, Jack Reinhardt, Gardner Clark and Bernard Clark.

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you must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Equal to our need of redemption from death is our need of redemption from a life in sin. No fooling, it is a glorious experience to "walk in newness of life" by the glory of the Father! Paul caught the significance of the Resurrection's power of spiritual and moral renovation when he urged early Christians to "celebrate the festival" by cleansing out the "old leaven that you may be fresh dough."

A blessed Easter to you all!

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## CLASS OF TWENTY-ONE TO BE CONFIRMED

Following two years of catechetical instruction, a class of twenty-one Emmaus young people will be confirmed on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. Class Night will be held on May 9 at 7:45 p.m.

The following are the confirmands:

William Robert Allen, Jr.	R. 3, Box 177
Nancy Ann Anderson	1918 Harriet St.
Ronald William Andersen	1645 Thurston Ave.
Shirley Jane Chernouski	824 Jackson St.
Joyce Mae Christiansen	R. 1, Bx. 35, Sturtevant
Richard Donald Christensen	R. 2, Box 173
George Gardner Clark	907 Villa St.
Patricia Ruth Colt	3223 N. Main St.
John Edward Cook	709 Chicago St.
Dan Eric Dalgard	R. 2, Box 504
Joyce Kathryn Demant	R. 1, Bx. 162, Sturtevant
Gloria Francis Gregory	1644 Hamilton Ave.
Geraldine Fay Hoogerhuis	2402 Harriet St.
Jane Joan Junker	1811½ W. Sixth St.
Gloria Krogh	1617 Prospect St.
Thomas Elliott Langenfeld	722 Orchard St.
Robert Lawrence Larsen	1714 Erie St.
Patricia Elaine Meyer	923 Peck Ave.
Jeanette Gladys Polzin	1924 Hayes Ave.
Allyn Jack Sorensen	913 Blaine Blvd.
Nancy Jayne Traeger	1402 Chatham St.

## WOMEN OF EMMAUS ORGANIZE FOR 'ALL OUT' EFFORT

The women of Emmaus, recognizing the need for a more intensive Christian program among our people, are organizing for the achievement of the following objectives:

1. To give the women a feeling of belonging and being wanted.
2. To broaden the influence of the Word of God among our people—sow the seed.
3. To get personally acquainted with the members of the individual units and to take a personal interest in their particular circumstances.
4. To constantly foster participation in the worship services of our church.
5. To get the women to work for their church and give them the feeling of being useful.
6. In general, to mobilize the potentialities, good will and abilities of our women.
7. To pray daily for the homes within the units and for guidance in the work.
8. To be patient and persistent. To take a long view. To remember that what is not accomplished this year may be next year.

In pursuing the above objectives, the women have been grouped into units. Most of the units met last week. All should be functioning by June 1. It is an

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS ON BUILDING SITES

At the congregational meeting of Monday evening, April 24, the committee appointed in January to investigate possible building sites for Emmaus reported to the congregation on its findings.

Chairman Peter Thomsen outlined the facts concerning two sites investigated by the committee. The first is a site located on Osborne Boulevard opposite Graceland Cemetery and bounded on the north by the city limits. This tract has a frontage of 308 feet. It is 310 feet deep at the north end and 300 feet deep at the south end, and the width of the property at the back is 185 feet. The curvature of Osborne Boulevard accounts for the difference in frontage and back measurements.

This property, approximately one and a half acres in area, is priced at \$5,000.00.

As an alternate proposal, a site at the southeast corner of Illinois Street and Graceland Boulevard was suggested. This property is composed of three lots with a total frontage of 140 feet and a depth of 125 feet. The price set for this land is \$1,600.00. In the case of both properties proposed, most improvements are still lacking.

It was further stated that there might be a possibility of acquiring property on the west side of Oregon Street between Graceland Boulevard and Haven Ave. This area is a block east of the Illinois Street site, but no definite investigation has yet been made regarding it.

Discussion was held in the matter of the committee's suggestions, and it was finally decided that the committee be requested to submit further site proposals in order to provide the congregation with a wider selection. It was also agreed that everything possible be done to awaken the congregation at large to the

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## PLANS COMPLETE FOR SPRING W.M.S. MEETING

The Emmaus Missionary Society will entertain the Wisconsin Women's Missionary Society at the Annual Spring Meeting of the Southern Circuit on Sunday, May 21.

The afternoon meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00 o'clock, with Mrs. Paul Rasmussen of Kenosha as the speaker. At 7:30 o'clock Pastor Arnfeld Morck, missionary to Colombia, will speak. Pastor Morck will also speak at the regular morning worship service on May 21.

Between the afternoon and evening meetings a supper will be served in the church parlors at 5:30 o'clock by the Emmaus society.

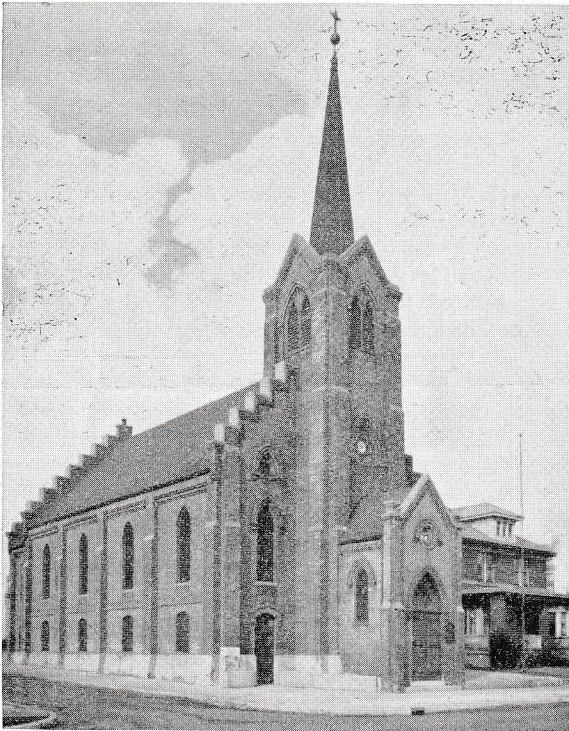
This is an open meeting, and men as well as women are invited.

Tickets for the supper are priced at 85c. They may be obtained from Mrs. Earl Woodward or Miss Olga Nelson.



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### SUNDAY SERVICES

*Sunday School and Bible Classes.....9:00 a.m.*

*Morning Worship.....10:10 a.m.*

### OTHER MEETINGS

*Luther League.....Each Sunday 6:30 p.m.*

*Church Choir.....Each Thursday 8:00 p.m.*

*Church Council.....First Tuesday 7:45 p.m.*

*Benevolent Society.....Second Monday 8:00 p.m.*

*Missionary Society.....Second Tuesday 8:00 p.m.*

*Danish Ladies Aid.....Second Wednesday 2:00 p.m.*

*Fellowship Group.....As announced*

*Sunday School Teachers.....Third Tuesday 8:00 p.m.*

*Cradle Roll Workers.....As announced*

*Brotherhood.....Last Tuesday 8:00 p.m.*

*Ladies' Aid.....Third Wednesday 2:30 p.m.*

*Confirmation Classes.....Saturday 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.*

### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Why people stay away from church is not a riddle, but why they go. The reasons that keep them from worship are plain enough, but the motives that drive them to the Sunday services are mysterious. What impulse is powerful enough to draw a modern man away from the warm comfort of his home on a winter morning or from the pleasant appeal of the golf course on a summer day and to lead him into the sanctuary. For remember, the church service is taken, not out of the company's, but out of the family's time. When you come to think of it, the really surprising part is not that the public worship seems to be dying in the modern world but that it is living. Not that it is failing but that it is succeeding. Whatever in the human heart is it that makes "holy day" instead of a holiday of the one leisure day in seven?"

This is the opening paragraph of a book by Dr. Charles H. Heimsath entitled **The Genius of Public Worship**. In giving a hurried answer he states: "Something in that weekly worship nourishes the corporate spirit of the community, gives it dignity and security, and symbolizes its ordered, upright and God-fearing existence. The traffic in a house of God may be modest, but it is indispensable." Contrary to the thinking of many, it is not the authority of the church but the want of the people that has created places of worship.

If we rightly understand the commandments of God we would readily detect the more or less obvious fact that they all safeguard significant aspects of human life. The commandment "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" draws a protective shield around this "indispensable" aspect of man's spiritual life—the common worship of God. Refusal to participate in the worship of God therefore harms both personal and communal life. We also have a right to insist that, linked as we are to eternity, our eternal salvation is definitely wrapped up in this whole factor of worship.

The all too general absence of family participation in the Sunday worship is a serious problem. "When the family dress in their Sunday best and sit in their accustomed pew, they achieve for themselves and for their neighbors something important in dignity, self-respect and noble motivation which they cannot acquire through any other formal practice." Circumstances may hinder full family participation at a given worship service, but generally every family can be represented by one or more of its members.

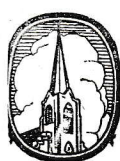
That which prompts me to write this is a desire to re-emphasize the challenge I presented at the second service on Easter Day: that the attendance at worship increase to the point where two services will be necessary every Sunday. The membership of Emmaus should warrant a double service program. There is nothing that stimulates interest and brings new life like a consciousness of growth.

Every church moves through definite stages of growth and change. Not so many years back there was need for a bi-lingual program which demanded two Sunday morning services. Now, it seems to me, the gradual growth of membership over the years warrants an expectancy of a two-service program in



the near future. A rightful pride in our church, a due consideration of our fellow-members, and, above all, a sense of our need of God's guidance and blessing in life should make our hope a reality.

**EMMAUS NOTES**



For the second year an Easter breakfast was served for the Luther League and the Senior Confirmation class. This year the æbleskiver breakfast was enjoyed by forty-five young people.

Daily Vacation Bible School is scheduled to begin Monday, June 19. It is planned to have four teachers this year. It will be appreciated if a few people with cars will volunteer to transport the children who must come to the church school from some distance.

Of special interest to Emmaus members is the graduation of Mr. Harold Andersen from Trinity Seminary on May 28. He will be ordained at the Synodical Convention in Hutchinson, Minnesota in June. Also of interest is the graduation of Mr. George Demant from Dana College. Mr. Demant has made application to enter Trinity Seminary in the fall.

In keeping with the recent decision of the council, the communion service on May 7 was held in the evening. This schedule will continue in alternate months until it is determined whether the congregation desires to continue it or to return to the regular morning communion service every month.

Pastor Harold Olson, missionary to Colombia, will speak at Emmaus on Wednesday evening, May 10, at 7:45 o'clock.

The Luther League has started a project for the purpose of buying a spinet piano for the church. Included in the plan is a fireside program which will be held at a later date.

Emmaus recently welcomed the following new members: Miss Joan Rasmussen and Mrs. Franklin Gregory.

**Emmaus Baptisms:** Nancy Traeger, member of the Senior Confirmation Class was baptized Easter Day at a private service in the church. On April 23—Diana Lynn White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C. White. Born February 23. Sponsors: Mrs. Helen Evans and Mr. Ignatius Theiss.

**Emmaus Wedding:** Vernon C. Pederson and Elly J. Jorgensen. The couple will reside in Chicago.

The latest report we have from the council on the financing of the new oil burner shows that the sum of \$277.40 has been received for the purpose. This is still far short of the cost of the equipment which is approximately \$600.00.

As this issue of the messenger goes to the printers, Pastor Petersen is recovering from a short siege of illness. We have missed him and we hope he will soon be as good as new again. While on the subject of the pastor, the editor would like to express his appreciation for all that Pastor Petersen has done toward making the Emmaus Messenger possible every month. Without the pastor's regular and dependable help, it would have been difficult to fill these pages.

For the second straight year, inclement weather faced early risers on Easter morning. But the good attendance at sunrise service both years indicates that the congregation favors this arrangement of the double holiday service.

The Sunday School has purchased a projector for showing slides and film strips. This equipment, in addition to its use in the Sunday School, will also be helpful as an instruction aid in the Daily Vacation Bible School.

**WOMEN OF EMMAUS ORGANIZE FOR 'ALL OUT' EFFORT**

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anticipated that some adjustments may have to be made when the response of the women can be ascertained. Plans are materializing for thirteen units. As this issue of the Messenger goes to press, the following unit and leadership organization has been framed:

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- Unit No. 13—(Sturtevant)—Mrs. Elmo Andersen, 2317 Hansen Ave.

It is hoped that our women will realize the possibilities in whole hearted support of this new venture. Make it exciting and see how much good will come to our church under God's blessing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS ON BUILDING SITES**

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President Henry Anderson, at this meeting, requested the congregation to name delegates to the synodical and district conventions. Miss Olga Nelson and Mrs. Dora Langenfeld were elected to represent the congregation at the synodical convention in June at Hutchinson, Minnesota, and Mrs. Chris Jensen and Mrs. Arthur Olsen were named to serve as delegates to the district convention the site of which has not yet been determined.

President Anderson further reported on the financial status of the church as of April 22. At that time all current bills had been paid, though there still remained an obligation of \$500.00 which had previously been borrowed by the congregation from the Improvement Fund. The balance in the Local Fund as of April 22 was \$187.20. All synodical mission obligations for the current church year—amounting to \$831.12—had been paid in full, and a balance of \$33.25 remained in the Mission Fund.

Future obligations include a budget payment to the district amounting to \$220.00, due in August, and Emmaus' share of the chaplain's salary, amounting to \$132. Regular contributions made by the church to Lutheran Welfare and the Old People's Home at Brush, Colorado, can be deferred until December if necessary.

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## CONFIRMANDS READ PAPERS FOR CONGREGATION

In place of the pre-confirmation oral examination customarily held in past years, Pastor Petersen this year requested the confirmands to prepare a paper on the subject, "This is My Faith."

These papers were read by their writers before the congregation at a meeting on the evening of May 9.

It was felt that this method of examination would more clearly reveal the confirmands' individual spiritual progress; further, that it would offer the students an opportunity to review their own experience quietly and without being subject to the nervous tension which so often attends oral examination.

The results of this method were gratifying. Pastor Petersen stated that the general quality of the papers was above his expectations, and the consensus of opinion within the congregation seems to favor this type of examination.

It would be impossible to print all of these various papers in the Emmaus Messenger, but a few excerpts which follow indicate the thinking and spiritual examination which went into the preparation of these compositions: "The two years I spent in confirmation class have helped me a great deal to understand Christianity, and I have found the answers to many questions that bothered me." . . . "Most people do not stop to think what their faith really is . . . they just say 'Lutheran' or whatever their religion may be, and let it go at that. Everybody should stop and think about their faith." . . . "I believe in Jesus Christ. Those five words are the basis of my faith."

## COUNCIL REPORTS ON FINANCES OF CHURCH

The value of publishing church financial figures in the Messenger is perhaps limited since such figures are often out of date before this newspaper comes from the press, but we feel that these financial matters are important enough to warrant frequent publication so that our members may be constantly aware of the situation regarding our obligations.

The Council reports the total of the Carlsen Memorial offering as \$185.89. The latest figure issued on the oil burner fund is \$320.00. The Improvement Fund balance stands at \$306.61. The Local Fund totals \$391.87 and the Mission Fund balance is \$112.70. There still remains

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## DOUBLE SERVICE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING SUMMER

In order to accommodate those among the church members who desire to go on Sunday outings and trips during the summer, it has been decided to add an extra Sunday service at 8:00 A.M. Thus, beginning June 11

and continuing throughout the summer months, the following Sunday schedule will be observed:

- 8:00 A.M. Early Service
- 9:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:10 A.M. The Morning Worship

It is hoped that this arrangement will appeal to our people and that this new service will be included in our Sunday planning.

## WOMEN PLAN FURTHER ACTIVITIES IN UNIT PROJECT

The unit organization of the women of Emmaus has scheduled a fireside hour to be held in the church parlors Sunday, June 11, at 4 P.M. There will be a program and supper, and the entire congregation and friends are invited. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring their own sandwiches. Coffee, cream, sugar and kringle will be served by the women. Unit leaders are sponsoring the event.

The next series of unit meetings will be held in various homes on Wednesday, June 7, at 2 P.M.:

- Unit No. 1—Mrs. A. V. Martin, 2322 Hansen Ave.
- " " 2—Mrs. Peter Thomsen, 1128 Irving Place
- " " 3—Mrs. Harold Quirk, 615 West Lawn Ave.
- " " 4—Mrs. Sigurd Petersen, 1130 Mound Ave.
- " " 5—Mrs. Otto Christiansen, 2207 Spring St.
- " " 6—Mrs. Earl Woodward, 1021 Arthur Ave.
- " " 7—Mrs. Sigurd Petersen, 1130 Mound Ave.
- " " 8—Mrs. Aage Jensen, 2515 Arlington Ave.
- " " 9—Mrs. Sigurd Petersen, 1130 Mound Ave.
- " " 10—Miss Emma Petersen, 2123 Clarence Ave.
- " " 11—Miss Rosemarie Larsen, 1714 Erie St.
- " " 12—Sturtevant

## LADIES AID PROGRAM FOR JUNE ANNOUNCED

The June meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held at 2:30 P.M. on June 21, and a very interesting program has been scheduled.

Featured will be a roundtable discussion on the subject: Vacation Activities in the Home. Leaders of this discussion will be Mrs. Victor Andersen, Mrs. Henry Lund and Mrs. Mark Petersen.

Also on the program will be a vocal solo by Mrs. A. V. Martin, a reading by Mrs. Harold Quirk and home movies shown by Mrs. Fred Simonsen.

The May meeting of the Ladies Aid was held in the form of a luncheon on May 17. Mrs. Earl Woodward presented the topic: Mother in the Home. A piano solo by Mrs. Wayne Butrum and a reading by Mrs. William Madsen completed the program. This inspirational meeting was enjoyed by all who attended, and it is hoped that the June event will attract even more of the women of the church.



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### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It is a sad reflection upon our generation that the real essence of Christianity is so little understood. With misunderstanding there is, of course, confusion. It is not alone the people's fault. Large sections of the church do not give a clear witness to the message of the Christian faith. A quite common impression many have is that the church stands for some sort of morality, with a code of right and wrong, but frequently hypocritical in that it harbors sinners and even absolves them from their wrongdoing. This, of course, may be true of individual churches, but not of true Christianity.

People should be urged to read the New Testament so thoroughly that they grasp the contents of its message. No one can deny that the New Testament presents a Way of Salvation that far transcends a moral code, though it definitely does not exclude it. By giving heed to its message, one learns that Christ died for us to pay the penalty of sin, that by faith in Him we have forgiveness of sin and eternal life, and that by this faith also comes a new life, born by the Spirit of God within the soul of man—a life which is lived for Christ. There are many implications of these truths. The uniqueness of these facts should eliminate confusing Christian life with mere good behavior. It is infinitely more, and we should be eternally thankful to God for His exceedingly great gift in Christ Jesus. No amount of self-elation, that "I have done the best I can," will remove the undeniable fact of sin in one's life. We all stand condemned.

I quote you a passage to show how clear Scripture is about these matters of which I have written. Note expressions like these: One died for all men. . . . That their lives now should be no longer lived for themselves but for Him who died and rose again for them. . . . If a man is in Christ he becomes a new person. . . . All this is God's doing. . . . He has reconciled us to Himself through Christ.

We look at it like this: if One died for all men, then, in a sense, they all died, and His purpose in dying for them is that their lives should be no longer lived for themselves but for Him who died and rose again for them. This means that our knowledge of men can no longer be based on their outward lives (indeed, even though we knew Christ as a man we do not know Him like that any longer). For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. All this is God's doing, for He has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ; and He has made us agents of the world to Himself—not counting their sins against them—and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation. We are now Christ's ambassadors, as though God were appealing directly to you through us. As His personal representatives we say, "Make your peace with God." For God caused Christ, who Himself knew nothing of sin, actually to be sin for our sakes, so that in Christ we might be made good with the goodness of God. II Corinthians 5.

Let us at least acknowledge what the witness of Scripture is. Whether we believe it and live by it is something else. Those who do yield to the "message of reconciliation" bear witness to the grandeur of this



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**EMMAUS NOTES**



Emmaus had the greatest number of representatives of any of the affiliated churches present at the organization meeting of the Racine County Congress of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin, held at Messiah Lutheran Church, May 17. Representing Emmaus were Henry Andersen,

Henry Lund, Ernest Petersen, W. E. Reckhow and Pastor E. R. Andersen.

Funeral services were held on May 1 for Charles J. Petersen who died at the age of 89.

Daily Vacation Bible School opens on June 19, and will continue for two weeks from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon each day. Parents desiring transportation for their children should so indicate on the registration blanks sent home with the Sunday School children, or notify the pastor.

A Girls' Chorus has been organized under the direction of Mrs. Sigurd Petersen. The girls practice on Saturdays at 10:30 A.M., and it is planned to have this group sing at the early service on Sundays.

At present it appears that the synodical convention in Hutchinson, Minnesota, June 13-18, will be attended by the following Emmaus members: Mrs. Dora Langenfeld and Miss Olga Nelson, as delegates, and Pastor E. R. Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Petersen.

A mass Lutheran Rally will be held at Horlick Field on Sunday, June 4, at 4:00 P.M.

One hundred new Samson steel chairs have been purchased by the two Ladies Aids at a cost of \$370.00.

Baptisms: Steven Heler Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beck, 1642 Murray Avenue. Born January 27, 1950. Baptized April 29. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Perry Granberg. Deborah Lee Saliscente, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Saliscente. Born February 13, 1950. Bap-

tized May 21. Sponsors: Marjorie and Gordon McDaniel.

It has been decided to eliminate, in general, notices of illness in the Messenger. Because of the length of time required to write, print and mail the Messenger to the member homes, those who have been ill are frequently well again before the reports of their sickness are printed.

**LUTHERANS IN THE UNITED STATES**

According to the 1950 World Almanac, the Lutheran Church in the United States has the following group memberships:

American Lutheran Conference:	
American Lutheran Church.....	646,700
Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America.....	396,999
Evangelical Lutheran Church.....	661,355
Lutheran Free Church.....	55,225
UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.....	
Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America:	34,628
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States.....	1,649,024
Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States.....	259,097
Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church.....	22,186
Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.....	9,513
Negro Missions.....	14,979
United Lutheran Church in America.....	1,880,628
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America....	2,250
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (Eielsen Synod).....	20,146
Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church.....	1,420
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod).....	14,511
Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North America.....	28,365
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The Protestant Conference (Lutheran).....	3,253
Independent Lutheran Churches .....	2,423
National Evangelical Lutheran Church (Formerly Finnish Evangelical Lutheran National Church).....	7,746
Total—All Lutheran Bodies .....	5,711,834

**EMMAUS WINS FIRST GAME IN  
 FEDERATED LUTHERAN LEAGUE**

As in years past, Emmaus again has a softball team in league competition this year, in the Federated Lutheran League which, in addition to Emmaus, is made up of teams from Emmanuel, Immanuel, Church of Redeemer, Atonement, Our Savior's, Zion and Gethsemane Churches.

Those playing on the Emmaus team are Olav Thomsen, Jim Poulsen, Norman Andersen, Paul Andersen, Wayne Butrum, Bob Woodward, Jim Woodward, Glen Jensen, John Martin, Jim Graves, Chris Hansen, Bud Thogersen and Willie Taylor. Roy Jensen is playing manager.

The team won its first game on May 15 by defeating Redeemer, 12 to 2. Games are scheduled for every Monday evening through August 14.

The team would appreciate the support of Emmaus friends. Watch the local newspaper for time and place of games—and come out to see the boys play.

**COUNCIL REPORTS ON FINANCES OF CHURCH**

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the obligation of \$500.00 to be returned to the Building Fund. As of May 17, the total collected in the Lutheran World Action Drive in Emmaus was \$108.50.

At its meeting of May 2, the Council decided to send two of the younger church members to the Youth Training School in Racine, August 7-11.

It was also decided to send \$50.00 to Harold Andersen to be used for the purchase of his robe for use in the ordination service at the Synodical Convention in Hutchinson, Minnesota, this month.

The Council decided to install an electric range in the parsonage to replace the gas range. This change was recommended by the pastor's doctor. The cost of the new range is about \$250.00 less the allowance on the gas stove.

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William Allen, Geraldine Hoogerhuis, Jeanette Polzin.

Second Row Allyn Jack Sorensen, Nancy Traeger, Shirley Chernouski, Joyce  
Christiansen, Nancy Anderson, Gloria Krogh, Jane Junker, Patricia  
Colt.

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In the *Women's Home Companion*, A. J. Cronin, novelist, states why he believes in God. "A mine disaster, a chance remark of a simple nurse, these were the springs of action that brought me out of the morass of skepticism to the firm uplands of faith." These were not "rational" or "tremendous" evidences of God. If we would calm our spirits and subject our wills to God, we would readily come to faith. This our generation must do if we are to survive.

It is no casual remark when David Lawrence, writing of a moral power that is needed today to ward off war, writes that "more power does not derive from any act of Congress. It depends on the relations of a people to their God."

The combined witness of these two men can be simply stated: We can have faith in God—and that faith is absolutely necessary.

Faith in God, however, is a very general concept. The God in whom we must believe is the God who revealed Himself in Christ, and the faith we must embrace must include Christ as the way to God. Christ stands over against us with an uncompromising, "Follow Me." Life must be permeated with the reality of Christ and God.

The disturbing factor is the apparent lack of interest in spiritual things. Faith can hardly be aroused and kept alive in any vivid way apart from the ministry of the church through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments. I am not so naive as to deny a man's faith just because he is not in regular attendance at the church service, nor that there may be legitimate excuses for his absence. It is, however, solid truth that abstinence from the worship of God does no good to oneself, one's family or the general influence of Christianity in our day.

The Spirit of God makes its impact upon life through the Word of God, and there has not yet appeared a greater instrument for spiritual renewal of a generation than the living witness of Christ by the preaching of the Word of God.

Any thinking person must admit that our times are out of man's control. We fear the future. Why not earnestly try the ways of God? "Well," you say, "what good will it do for me to become a devout Christian?"

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**EMMAUS NOTES**



**The Daily Vacation Bible School**, which ended its sessions on June 30, had an enrollment of 7 children. A very successful school was conducted under the leadership of Mrs. A. V. Martin. The other two teachers were Mrs. Carl Fredericksen and Mrs. Mark Petersen. Three of the young people—Nancy Andersen, Geraldine Hoogerhuis and Nancy Traeger—served as assistants.

**The Annual Congregational Picnic** has been scheduled for August 20 at the Old Settlers' Picnic Grounds at Union Grove.

**At The Church Council Meeting of June 6**, Ernest Petersen was named to serve as deacon for Book no. 7 for the next four months in the absence of the regular deacon, Chris Jorgensen, who is on a trip to Denmark.

**Financial News From The Council:** It was voted to turn over the Pentecost offering—\$83.20—to our local fund. The new electric stove for the parsonage has been installed at a cost of \$200.00 plus \$50.00 for installation. The old gas stove brought \$45.00. At last report, the Lutheran World Action drive in Emmaus has brought in \$321.70. The oil burner fund total has increased to \$322.50.

**Mr. Harry Andersen and Mr. Louis Pedersen** served as official delegates from Emmaus to the Synodical Convention in Hutchinson, Minnesota, in June.

**The Pastor's Vacation Will Extend** over the two Sundays of July 23 and 30. He and his family are planning to spend some time at Clinton, Wisconsin, followed by a motor trip into Iowa and Minnesota.

**Victor Johnson and Beverly Scheel** were united in marriage on June 10. They are making their home at 2126½ Carmel Avenue.

**Communion Services are Planned** for the evening of July 9 and the second morning service of August 6.

**Recent Baptisms at Emmaus:** Bradley Louis Poulsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Poulsen, born May 8, 1950, baptized June 18. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Jens Poulsen. Diana Lynn Fought, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fought, born January 14, 1950, baptized June 25. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Drato.

**Many Friends Gathered at the Church** on the evening of June 20 to congratulate Pastor Harold Andersen upon his recent ordination to the Christian ministry. Pastor Andersen has accepted a call to the Indianapolis church where he was installed on Sunday, June 25, by his father, Pastor E. R. Andersen.

**The Church Council will pay** \$5.00 for each young person attending the Wisconsin District Bible Camp at Spencer Lake, Waupaca, the week of July 10-16. The total cost at the camp for the week is \$10.50 per person. This is not only for young people. Adults and whole families are also welcome to attend.

**Often the Old People of a Congregation are Forgotten**, especially if they are seldom able to attend the functions of the church. This is an attempt to list our older members who are "shut-ins." Any omission is unintentional.

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**Few of us realize the magnitude of the Lutheran World Action project.** Over a period of ten years more than \$25,000,000 in cash and \$11,000,000 in food, clothing, etc., has been collected and distributed to the people of 52 countries on all six continents.

There can be no question that this work has had an enormous effect in the cause of Christ throughout the world. Current major projects include service to refugees, aid to orphaned missions and help for the war-disrupted churches in Europe.

To illustrate the far-flung nature of Lutheran World Action, the 1949 grants were applied to congregational centers for refugees, repair of partly-destroyed churches, spiritual service to refugees, deaconess homes and other institutions of mercy, paper for Christian literature, training and supporting teachers of religion, youth programs and scholarships, medical aid, support of evangelism and the printing of Bible histories, catechisms, teaching aids and other Christian literature.

The need goes on. In supporting this work, we are serving Christ and helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It deserves a constant place in our planning and thinking.

**A Word of Appreciation to the Junior Girls' Chorus and their Leader, Mrs. Sigurd Petersen.** We have enjoyed their singing very much—a welcome feature of the early Sunday service.

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What God can mean to each of us Cronin states nobly: "Abraham Lincoln went upon his knees each night and turned his thoughts toward heaven. Are we now too worldly-wise to follow this great example? Through the centuries, countless human beings have shaped their lives, with true nobility and shining example, upon God. He has brought courage to the weak, strength to the weary, hope to those lost in the shadows of despair. He is everywhere, above and around, on the ocean and in the sky. He is in each one of us, if we will only seek Him."

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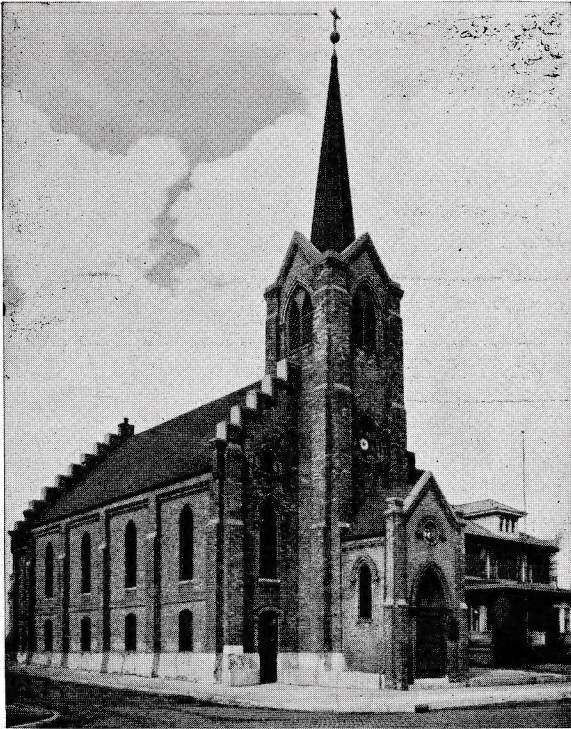
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Church membership has grown more in the last two decades than in any other period in the history of our country, with the exception of the years between 1880 and 1900 when the great revivals swept the land. The years 1929-1949 brought Depression, Disillusion, World War II, the Atom Bomb and many other world-shaking developments. "In that period mankind's security was shaken as never before, the props of man's materialistic philosophy cracked beneath him, his faith in science as an all-conquering force crumbled before the scientists' admission that though they could handle the atom they couldn't cope with human nature."—Christian Herald.

The terrible possibilities of another war are upon us. We instinctively refuse to think about it. Certainly we cannot be indifferent, or are we so apathetic that we cannot even register fear? What are we thinking? Are we imploring God for mercy?

If disaster befalls us, we shall hardly be able to say much about God not preventing this war. As a nation, we have not been too concerned about the ways of God. As church people, we have let any little thing, sometimes sinful things, interfere with our worship of Him. We will have to smite ourselves with the judgment, "We do not deserve aught."

The gradual increase in church membership is good as far as it goes. But are we returning unto the Lord? God in His mercy invites us to "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee." It looks like the bitter pill of humiliation (for we do feel a little cheap to come begging for mercy only when we are in trouble), but the alternative is apparently disaster. Perhaps God will even yet have mercy.

Over against the seriousness of our times, we measure our own concern for the things of God. I wonder how many of us realize that our church attendance is seldom above one-third of our confirmed membership, or one-fourth of our baptized membership. The actual attendance count per Sunday over the past month has averaged about 200. These days call for a genuine seeking after God and His blessing through the channels He has established, the means of grace entrusted to His church on earth.

He chasteneth but to purify,  
 He crusheth but to raise;  
 In love He worketh His blessed will  
 To His glory's endless praise;  
 In our affliction afflicted still,  
 He leaveth us not alone;  
 He will not forget, He will not forsake,  
 He is mindful of His own.

—A. J. Flint



**EMMAUS NOTES**



**What about Emmaus and the future?**

This question, especially in these times, has many sides. A very important aspect will be discussed on the evening of August 7—when the Building Site Committee will present its recommendation of an available property suitable for the erection of a new church building. A decision—an important decision—must be made by the members. Whether you are for or against the proposal, your opinion and your vote are vital to this issue. This meeting of August 7, we feel, merits the attendance of members from every home in our church. Whatever the decision, let's make it truly the whole voice of Emmaus guided by God.

The annual congregational picnic will be held on Sunday, August 20, at Old Settlers' Park, Union Grove. Those who have no transportation please meet at the church at 10:00 A.M. There will be an open-air service at 11:00 A.M. A children's service, recreation and fellowship will occupy the afternoon. Bring your own picnic lunch. Old Settlers' Park, long popular for large picnic gatherings, provides ideal surroundings and privacy for an event of this sort.

The Sunday School has purchased a new film strip and slide projector and a set of film-strips covering the Ten Commandments and the three Articles of the Apostles' Creed. Gradually, as money is available, a library of film-strips and slides will be built up covering a wide range of material suitable for our educational program.

The Luther League recessed for the month of July. League activities are now under way again, and it is hoped that the coming season may see our League attain the size and vitality which it should have.

The League work is not as successful as it ought to be. We need to be certain that we are meeting at the best time. Should it be Sunday evening or a weekday evening? Should it meet weekly or bi-weekly? What does it take to make a good League- We cannot stress

too much the importance of parental encouragement and cooperation. If you will furnish the initial impetus, if you will make it possible for your children to attend League regularly, those in charge will do their very best to carry on from there.

The location of our church necessitates planning for transportation. Arrangements with other families can be made. A little ingenuity always helps. We must maintain a sense of belonging together, and to the church, among our young people.

This month marks the completion of one year of service on the Emmaus Messenger for your editor. It also marks the low point in available news for that period. Naturally, with vacation interruptions and the like, the activity program will suffer somewhat during the summer months.

But we are looking forward to the fall with the hope that each issue of the Messenger may be packed with interesting news. We'll try, with your help, to make it that way.

**COME TO THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**8 A. M. Every Sunday**

"It is good for me to draw near unto God."  
Psa. 73:28.

Let's fill the September issue. If you have charge of one of the societies, let us know about your plans. If you have members of your family going away to college, that's interesting. If you have news of former Emmaus members, no matter where they may be or how long they have been away from us, you may be sure that there are many in the church who will be interested in hearing about them.

Just hand your news to the editor—or tell him—or phone him (3-4204) by August 18. Anything you have will be very welcome.

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**THE CHURCH AND SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS**

We maintain that the Church must be vitally concerned about the continuance of a democratic state in America, since a democracy is the ideal form of government under which the Church may carry out its God-given program...

We recognize that there are many subversive movements active in our country today...We feel that the Church...should not cease her vigilant attitude over against the spread of atheistic communism as well as Nazism and Fascism in the United States, which doctrines still remain diametrically opposed to the true ideals of Christianity...

We feel that the best method the government can employ in combating subversive movements is to remedy the conditions making various groups susceptible to the advances of such movements, namely such conditions as unemployment, share-cropper regions, slum districts, etc., and to make the success of democracy so evident and convincing that subversive movements cannot possibly endanger it.

We feel that the greatest contribution which the Church can make in the conflict with subversive movements is to prove that whatever good may be

claimed for these movements is already inherent in the underlying principles of democracy which have their roots in Christianity—and that as in other social relations it is the function of the Church to sustain and strengthen her members' attitude toward true democracy by a consistent use of the Word of God and by a conscientious pastoral care of souls.

—**Christian Social Living**

The American Lutheran Conference

I am persuaded that Christianity is headed toward a supreme crisis—perhaps a decisive crisis. Events are leading up to a world decision. This generation, or at the most the next, will have to decide between materialistic, atheistic Communism and the Kingdom of God on earth. And this in both East and West.

—**E. Stanley Jones. Christ's  
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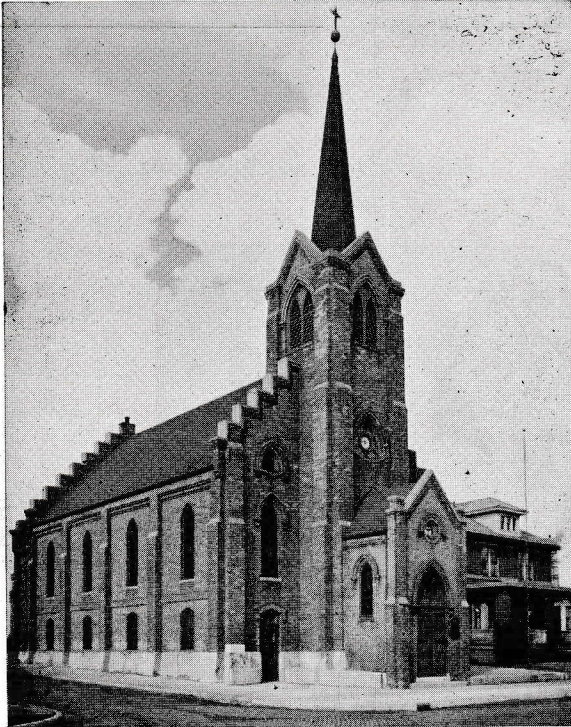
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### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

There has been a tendency, both in society and in the church, to lose sight of the significance of the family. If people would rediscover the meaning of the family as a potent factor in God's scheme of things, their own lives would be less subject to a sense of frustration. Christians would find an ever increasing sense of God's will being fulfilled through their everyday living in Christian family circles. The church itself is no more Christian than its families and no more effective than they in their living in the way of Christ.

"Let us remind ourselves, without going into detail, that the Church is to be a collection of families which are pointing the way. In the structure of their own households, the solidity and worth of their own principles, the protest against flesh and world of their own parents and children, these households are a demonstration of the power of Christ at work and a witness to His presence in them. Hence, as the Church sends its disciples in families into the world, it erects a powerful agency for teaching by example and for creating fashions of life which run counter to the way of the devil.

"The world infiltrates into our own families in hundreds of ways daily. Hence, the Church needs to stand by its families in a critical time. It needs, in effect, to make one family the helper of the other." (The Lutheran Witness).

The church does not meet the needs of the families unless it gathers them at the hour of worship. On our vacation, my family and I attended the morning worship in my home church. Conspicuous were the large number of parents who brought their children to church. One after another these young parents came with their young children. I was deeply moved with joy. I wished just as deeply that the same was true of the congregation I served. I determined to go back to you, my people, and say, "Bring your children with you to church." What disturbance they might make is naturally expected, and will be accepted in good grace by me and the majority of the worshippers. The trouble to yourself will be greatly repaid in the years to come.

We herewith reprint "Church-Going Families," the message on the back of the Sunday bulletin for August 20:

"Yes, there are church-going families. Perhaps not as many as there were forty or fifty years ago. But enough so that the results may be observed.

"There may be some hurrying on Sunday morning before the children get off to Sunday School and in connection with Mother's preliminaries for dinner. But by the time Father and Mother join their children at the church door, the family is pretty well composed and ready to participate in the worship service.

"Worshipping together inevitably draws the members of the family closer. It produces a sense of equality between parents and their children. They bow their heads and worship the same God. They unite in one confession and together seek God's mercy and forgiveness. The law of God applies equally to father and son, to mother and daughter. Need of the Savior is common to all.

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**EMMAUS NOTES**



**The Sunday Early Worship Service** at 8:00 a.m. will be continued through September. Indications are that the double-service experiment has been a success, for the combined attendance at the two services this year has exceeded our normal summer attendance.

**Confirmation Instruction Will Begin September 16.** The Senior Class will meet at 9:00 a.m., and the Junior Class will hold its sessions at 10:00 a.m. Children who are in the eighth grade in public school are eligible for the Junior Class. Exceptions will be made if necessary.

**An Adult Membership Class** will begin study on October 2 at 7:30 p.m.

**"Religious Paintings in the Home" Will Be Discussed** by Mrs. Laurier Durant at the next meeting of the English Ladies' Aid, September 20 at 2:30 o'clock. There will also be a reading by Mrs. Joe Bohn and a piano solo by Mrs. Oscar Scheel.

**The Ladies' Aid Was Pleasantly Surprised** at its August meeting by a visit from Pastor and Mrs. Frank Berg who made a brief stay in Racine during the course of their vacation trip. It was reported at this meeting that the new chairs in the church parlors had been completely paid for.

**Activity in the Women's Unit Organizations** is scheduled to get under way in the fall with new work projects. Also, it is expected that there may be some regrouping in order to bring about an equality of size among the units.

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**Sunday, October 1, 9:00 a.m.**

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**Several Emmaus Young People Are Off to School This Fall.** The following list, though perhaps not complete, covers those whom we have heard about up to press time: Erna Thomsen, Dana; Janet Anderson, Dana; Paul Anderson, St. Olaf; Jeanne Kouski, Spencerian Business College, Milwaukee; George Demant, Trinity Seminary; LeRoy Andersen, Trinity Seminary; and Richard Hultman, Marquette University. If there are others going away to school, Pastor Petersen would appreciate very much having their names.

**At the August Meeting of the Church Council,** Henry Lund reported that the church had been inspected by an expert and found to be in good condition. Financial reports at this meeting revealed the following: Receipts, Emmaus Messenger ads since January 1, 1950, \$198.00; Emmaus Messenger expense to date in 1950, \$308.88; (Council urged that more advertisers be secured); Church Disbursements for July, \$582.06; Balance in Local Fund, June 30, \$220.61; Receipts in Local Fund for July, \$581.31; Messenger ads paid in July, \$54.00; Mission Fund, June 30, \$461.46; Mission Fund Receipts in July, \$233.55; Mission Fund Balance, July 31, \$695.01; Total Receipts for July, \$855.92; Oil Burner Receipts in July, \$8.50; Oil Burner Fund, June 30, \$323.50; Oil Burner Disbursements in July, \$323.50; Oil Burner Balance, July 31, \$8.50; Lutheran World Action Receipts in July, \$3.00; Lutheran World Action Balance, \$429.70.

At this meeting Henry Lund spoke at some length in behalf of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin, telling of the excellent accomplishments of the organization and urging its support by the members of our congregation.

**The Annual Congregational Picnic,** held on Sunday, August 20, in Old Settlers' Park at Union Grove, was enjoyed under almost ideal weather conditions by nearly 300 Emmaus members.

**At the Congregational Meeting of August 7,** the proposed purchase of a building site bounded by Kinzie Avenue, Ohio and Virginia Streets was voted down, 45 to 30. Following this decision, the Building Site Committee was disbanded with the thanks of the congregation for the exhaustive investigations they had made.

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**We Have Been Requested to Publish the Following Note of Thanks** from Mr. and Mrs. James Petersen: "Our golden wedding was a great day in our lives and was made even brighter by the gorgeous gift of deep yellow roses sent us by you. They were simply magnificent, and their container is lovely. The vase is very nice. Thank you for thinking of us and remembering us so lavishly."

**Recent Emmaus Baptisms:** Marilyn Helene Jorgensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erik Jorgensen, born June 12, 1950, baptized July 16. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Axel Jensen.

Lynda Eileen Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clark, New Woodstock, N. Y., born October 7, 1948, baptized August 6, 1950. Sponsors: Rosemarie Larsen and Thomas Larsen.

Christina Ann Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clark, born May 20, 1950, baptized August 6. Sponsors: Charles Clark and Betty Ann Maltesen.

**Ronald C. Redlin and Elaine Hansen** were united in marriage on August 5.

**What Is Your Organization Planning for the Fall and Winter?** We'd like to tell our people about it in the Messenger. Let us know by September 20.

**In an Effort to Find the Most Suitable Time** for its activities, the Luther League is shifting its time of meeting to Wednesday evening at 7:15. Frankly, the Luther League work has been disappointing in recent

times. It is a vital function of our church, but there is nothing self-starting or automatic about it. True progress here demands not only the support of our young people, but also the interest and cooperation of parents and other older church members. **ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE EMMAUS OF TOMORROW?**

**THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

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"Humbled but encouraged, comforted and reassured, and perhaps, above all, mellowed and sobered, the family returns home. There is a bit less of selfishness, a little more kindness, considerably more patience on the part of the parents, and the children seem to find it a trifle less irksome to practice the obedience which they know God expects of them. All this makes for a happier home and family life. It is also true that the families that go to church together are the ones that most often have family worship in the home. Thus, the worshipping family is twice blessed."

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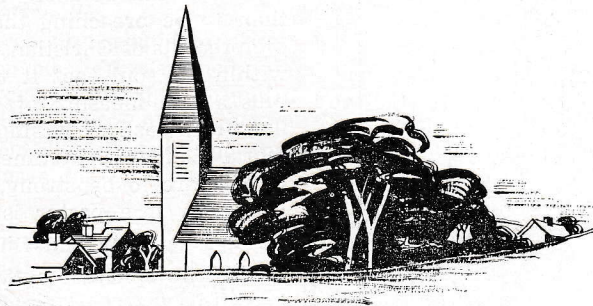
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## Church Courtesy



An amusing story is told of a bus driver who quit his job and became a minister. He had grown tired of asking people to "move to the rear." He would not have had that problem as a pastor since most people sit in the back of the church anyway.

Little things like going forward in the church are often important. Of course, no great harm is done if we fill up the rear pews first, but people who leave these seats for latecomers and persons with small children may be considered thoughtful and courteous.

There are other signs of courtesy in the church. For instance:

Men always remove their hats when entering the church. Women usually wear their hats in church. These are traditional expressions of respect.

Come to church early. Be in your pew ready for worship when the service begins. Following your silent prayer, after taking your place in church, look over the program, find the first hymn and other parts of the service.

Move over. Even if you don't mind having people crawl over you, don't force this inconvenience upon them. Move in from the aisle to leave room for others.

Eyes front. You are a worshipper, not a society reporter for your local newspaper. Wait until after the service to see who came in late and what new millinery is in evidence. This applies also to choir members. Be-

cause of the prominent place many choirs occupy, the members must be doubly certain their actions do not detract from the service.

Spend the time when you are not actively participating in the service by reading hymns and prayers in the service book. The organ prelude and offertory are not occasions for social conversation. We should also refrain from whispering with our neighbor while others are going to the altar to receive communion.

Assist others. Share your book when necessary. Help children and strangers who may not be familiar with the order of service.

Take care of your service book. Refrain from creasing pages and do not leave miscellaneous papers between the leaves. Don't drop the book into the rack with a bang during the last verse of the last hymn.

Help the janitor. Don't litter the pews and book racks with unused bulletins (and wrappers from cough drops and other confections).

Greet strangers after the service. They are guests. Introduce them to the pastor and ask them to come again.

Keep moving. If your pastor customarily greets people after the service, don't engage him in lengthy conversation. If it is important, step aside until the rest of the congregation has gone.



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A recent editorial in a secular newspaper began: "Thank God for the churches." "They are," the editor asserted, "the nation's first line of defense. They maintain a standard of decency and honesty without which the nation would not be worth saving... A nation with strong moral convictions and a deep reverence of God is able to defend itself against all enemies within and without. America would become overwhelmingly pagan in a few years should the churches fall into decay and ruin."

Naturally reading this would give one in my profession a good boost to his morale. Often enough a pastor is harassed by depreciatory remarks about the church and the people who attend it. At times one might feel that it would be more manly to be making A-bombs than to be preaching the mercy of God and the simple precepts of Christian virtue. But every pastor knows within his soul that it takes the best that is in him, plus a rich measure of God's grace, to persist in the herculean task of raising people's spiritual vision and moral standards. In times like these, men and women, if they are to be strong, must be led to faith in God. However, if a pastor is to lead his people to power through faith, he must himself have struggled through to definite spiritual convictions. In this struggle he is often alone and must minister to his own soul, which is always difficult.

Through it all, one comes up with certain convictions which could readily be cloaked in a scriptural garb, for they parallel the assertions and promises of God's Word. It is these convictions, undergirded by the Word of God, that I try to give you in my ministry. Where I feel that my own faith has not reached far enough, I let the Word of God speak for itself to you and to my own soul.

Naturally, there is a tendency to feel a sense of frustration when so many of our people of Emmaus do not deem it worthwhile to come to church. Here again one must arrive at the conviction that the message of God's Word is, or must be made, more significant than the many things that can occupy Sunday morning. If I had not this conviction, I would be unworthy of standing among you as your pastor.

Either that which we have to preach is of significance for all or it has no meaning to anyone. This assertion is as Biblical as that which describes all men as sinners in need of God's grace, or that magnificent revelation of God's will of which it is said that He would have all men saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. I do not hesitate to say that if we live close to the line of God's Word, with an awakened sense of our dire needs today of spiritual and moral reinforcement, we shall find the ministry of the church amply rewarding.



**EMMAUS NOTES**

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IN AN EFFORT TO UNITE FAMILIES IN SUNDAY WORSHIP, a new Family Church Service is inaugurated on Rally Day, October 1. It is planned to hold this service on the last Sunday of each month, with the next scheduled for October 29.

The time will be 9:00 A.M., and on Family Service Sunday, there will be no regular Sunday School session. The regular morning worship service will follow at 10:10 A.M.

This plan provides an opportunity for parents and children to come to the house of God together; it simplifies the family transportation problem; and the session is not too long—even for the smallest children.

This new feature of our church program is born out of the conviction that families need the experience and blessing of worship in the church. A church is no more effective than its ministry to its families. Parents, please help make this venture a success. Come and find the blessing which will be yours as a family worshipping together.

OUR FALL MISSION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 12 TO 15. Pastor Thorvald Hansen of Hartland, Wisconsin will speak on Thursday and Friday evenings, and Pastor A. E. Syverud, Public Relations Secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Society, Milwaukee, will speak Sunday morning and evening. The evening services will be held at 7:45 P.M. The Ladies Aid is planning a fellowship hour for Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL, the secretary was ordered to send a letter to the nominating committee regarding the church offices to be filled for 1951. The nominating committee, composed of C. C. Christensen, chairman, Ernest Petersen and Thomas Sundsted, has been asked to submit

nominees for the following offices: President (two-year term), Trustee (one for three-year term), Deacons for books No. 2, 4, 6 and 8 (each for two-year terms), Treasurer (from among Trustees for one-year term), Financial Secretary (two-year term), Assistant Financial Secretary (one-year term) and Nominating Committee for 1951.

The annual congregational meeting, at which elections and other business will be transacted, will be held in December as usual.

The Every-Member Canvass has been scheduled for Sunday, November 19. Names of helpers were submitted by the deacons to the council for approval at the October council meeting.

The trustees' report and the pastor's report were read and accepted by the council at the September meeting.

The synodical budget was tentatively set at \$3,600.00 for 1951, \$119.50 less than 1950, subject to approval by the council at a meeting held after this issue of the Messenger went to press.

THE IMMANUEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS INVITED the Emmaus Missionary Society to attend its meeting of October 16 at 8:00 P.M. Emmaus ladies, please remember the date and plan to attend this meeting.

THE NEED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION IS MORE than ever pressing in our day. Don't fail to make your contributions. The Christian Church fails when it ceases to be charitable.

AT ITS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, THE LADIES AID heard an inspiring discussion of "Religious Paintings in the Home" by Mrs. Laurier Durant. In developing her theme, Mrs. Durant pointed out that religious paintings: 1. Embody the church's teachings about the promised Messiah and the fulfillment in Christ; 2. Inspire youth; 3. Magnify the values which give dignity to man; 4. Provoke study and discussion; and 5. Unite men in devotion and lead them to worship.

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At its meeting of October 18, the Ladies Aid will hear a topic by Mrs. Thomas Sundsted, "Mission Interest in the Home." There will also be a mission film and a poem by Mrs. Albert Monday.

In conjunction with the fall mission meetings, the Ladies Aid is sponsoring a fireside hour at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 15. Bring your own sandwiches. Coffee and kringle will be served.

Mrs. Earl Woodward will be in charge of flowers for atehtrdual ETAOIN SHRDLU MFWYP TAOINN for the altar during the last three months of 1950.

SANDRA LANE MARTIN, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, born July 6, 1950, was baptized September 10.

PASTOR OSCAR HANSEN, President of the Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, will give a series of Bible lectures at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lafayette Avenue, October 8 to 11, at 7:45 P.M.

RECENT EMMAUS WEDDINGS: Sigfred Nielsen and Lorraine Wolff, 1211 Howard Street, September 2; Eugene Dexter and Eleanor Grabher, 1028 Pearl Street, September 9; Victor Lipke and Betty Jean Johnson, 1141 Milwaukee Avenue, September 9; George Demant and Elna Nielsen (married at Des Moines, Iowa), September 16; Charles Anthony and Marilyn Jensen, 1513 Blaine Avenue, September 30.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 16 with an enrollment of 16 Seniors and 16 Juniors.

EMMAUS FUNERALS: Mrs. Caroline Larsen, August 18, age 84; Mr. Harry James, August 31, age 55; Mrs. George Poulsen, September 13, age 61; Mr. George W.

Wilkins, September 22, age 56.

ATTENDANCE AT LUTHER LEAGUE: September 13—10; September 20—9.

THE CHURCH AND MODERN CIVILIZATION:—

1. The Church, viewing the recent history of the world, sees our modern civilization weighed in the balance of God and found morally wanting.

2. The Church finds in this lack of moral integrity the key to the present plight of man.

3. The Church must therefore boldly declare that this "Age of Conflict" has disclosed not so much the bankruptcy of a political and economic order as the bankruptcy of a moral order.

4. The Church finds in this analysis of the current world situation a renewed call to the faithful discharge of its God-given task, to wit:

a. To build up its own members in Christian faith and life, and to exemplify in its corporate life as a church a pattern which it may call upon the world to copy.

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## COUNCIL FAVORS NEW PARSONAGE LOCATION

At its meeting of October 3, the Church Council went on record in favor of moving the residence of Pastor Petersen and family from the present parsonage to a new location. The President was authorized to appoint a committee to consider ways and means, and to report back to the Council on its recommendations.

President Anderson appointed the following committee: Williston E. Reckhow, Olga Nelson, Ernest Petersen, Ella Sundsted, Rocco Farina and Pastor Petersen. Subsequently a meeting of this committee was held, but as yet no definite recommendations have been formulated.

Also, at the October 3 meeting of the Council, the pastor's report was read and accepted, and the trustees' report, read by Oscar Scheel, was accepted.

The treasurer's report, given by Russell Petersen, revealed the following financial standing:

### Local Fund

August Bank Balance .....	\$257.78
Receipts—Sept. ....	619.01
Total .....	\$876.79
Disbursements .....	479.48
Balance—Oct. 1 .....	\$397.31

DON'T FORGET YOUR  
CHURCH BUDGET  
THE EXPENSES  
CONTINUE TO INCREASE

### MRS. KAREN JENSEN

Mrs. Karen Jensen, widow of Pastor C. H. Jensen, died on October 15 at the age of 80 years. Her death occurred in Milwaukee, where she had resided for many years. She was buried from Emmaus Church on October 17 and laid to rest beside her husband in Grace-land Cemetery.

The passing of Mrs. Jensen recalls memories to those who have been either Emmaus members or students of the old Luther College in Racine. While Pastor Jensen served as president of Luther College and pastor of Emmaus Church, Mrs. Jensen did much in her quiet, humble, unassuming way to help her husband in his work and to assist those who needed spiritual or material help.

Always active in the many phases of church work, Mrs. Jensen served as president of the Ladies Aid in Emmaus and was also deeply interested in the support of home and foreign missions.

Loved by all who knew her, Mrs. Jensen will be long remembered by a host of friends.

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## FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE GAINS MOMENTUM

The response thus far to the newly-instituted family worship service indicates that the monthly service especially designed for families fills a real need in our church.

Now more than ever, conditions throughout the world have made us aware of the place of strong, spiritual family life in the cause of preserving peace. A family attending the house of God as a unit is building not only for this life but for the life to come. A family worshipping together cannot be overcome by the trials and disappointments of physical life. A family regularly attending service is making the wisest investment for the future.

Family life is a full-time project. God's work also calls for full-time devotion. By uniting the two, our strength will be sufficient for anything that life may bring. As long as families work and worship together, in the name of the Lord, there is hope for America and for the world.

SEE YOU IN  
CHURCH  
NEXT SUNDAY

## WITHIN THE CIRCLES

With the fall season, the Women's Unit Organization has regrouped into seven circles headed by the following leaders: Mrs. Victor Andersen, Mrs. William Atkinson, Mrs. William Christensen, Mrs. A. V. Martin, Mrs. T. C. Sundsted, Mrs. E. Walters and Mrs. J. C. Lange.

Meetings of the circles will be held on the first Wednesday of every month, and the leaders will contact the women within their individual circles.

Among the coming events to be sponsored by the circles is a sale of handmade articles and household items on December 1. Anyone interested in buying gifts for showers, birthdays and other occasions may secure a variety of handmade articles independently of the formal sale by getting in touch with Mrs. J. C. Lange.

Many and various projects are being planned for the coming winter—with the twin objectives of financially assisting the church and of interesting the women in its work. In any wide undertaking of this sort there will be mistakes and misunderstandings, with occasional need for new approaches as circumstances dictate. With the guidance of God and with a clear view of end purposes, however, the women can unite in a significant work in Emmaus. Where there is a desire to devote time and effort in God's cause, there will be success and achievement.



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### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Within a dictatorship, whether church or state, unanimity is easily and speedily attained by the very simple process of "liquidating" all opposition. Of primary importance is the neutralizing of all leadership of opposite opinion. Democracy guards well the right of convictions and, if it knows what is good for itself, encourages strong leadership whose function it is to persuade the people to will and to act.

Essentially the Christian faith is democratic, for always it appeals to people by persuasion. Paul wrote, "We persuade men . . . So are we ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us." II Cor. 5. This is true in the great issues involving eternal life. It is also true in secondary matters of church finance and policy. On the whole any project must have the good will of the people of the church. Blessed is that congregation which has leadership wise and courageous enough to persuade it to do great things for God and its people, and blessed is that congregation which has a willing spirit.

There will arise critical moments in the history of every congregation—large or small crises which must be met. Congregations have made mistakes which became fatal a few years hence. A church can fail to do the right thing and still carry on for years, but what it sows it shall also reap. All that is left of many congregations today is a history well nigh forgotten just because there was a lack of vision and, perhaps to a greater degree, a lack of a selfless spirit of love for people.

Occasions arise when we must do what is more than the usual, because the times and circumstances demand it. In such crises we find scriptural fortitude in Paul's advice to the Philippian Christians, "Do all you have to do without grumbling or arguing, so that you may be God's children, blameless, sincere, and wholesome." Every family has times of difficulty which demand greater devotion and sacrifice. Every congregation will experience like situations. They can become strong bonds of unity within which a sincere and wholesome spirit pervades.

To bolster the morale of the Philippian congregation, Paul adds significantly, "For you hold in your hands the very word of life." If we did not have this Word of life to treasure and to preach, to safeguard and to make vital in people's lives, we would have no objective in being concerned about our church or any other. But since God has intrusted to us this treasure, we cannot let Him and our people down.

### LADIES AID ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER PLANS

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid, scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, will open with a pot-luck luncheon at 1:00 o'clock.

Following the luncheon, the annual election of officers will be held.

Also on the program for the afternoon will be a discussion of "Holiday Preparations in the Home" to be presented by Mrs. John C. Lange.

All the women of the church are cordially invited to attend.



**EMMAUS NOTES**



**Our Mission Meetings of October 12 to 15** were well received. Pastor Thorvald Hansen and Pastor A. E. Syverud brought stirring messages, presenting anew the age-old challenge of Christ. At the fire-side hour on Sunday, October 15, Pastor Syverud reported on the present opera-

tions and needs of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin. This work, despite good progress, still serves only about one-fourth of the field in which it should be active. Pastor Syverud's presentation convinced us that any help which we may contribute to the cause of Lutheran Welfare will be faithfully and effectively administered.

**Parents! ! ! The best insurance for the future of Emmaus** would be the regular meeting of one hundred young people in the church parlors at Luther League on Wednesday evenings. Can you do anything to help make that aim possible?

**The Every-Member Canvass**, as previously announced, will be held on Sunday, November 19. Your attendance at church services that day will enable you to pick up your envelopes in the church parlors, thereby reducing

**What must I do to be saved?** Thousands of gods; sacrifices that have not faltered at the shedding of hu-

the work of the deacons and their helpers. Your pledge is a matter between God and yourself. Think and pray about it now.

**The four million Lutherans belonging to church bodies** participating in the National Lutheran Council will again have an opportunity this year to express their thanksgiving in the Thanksgiving clothing appeal sponsored by Lutheran World Relief.

Thanksgiving week, November 19-25, has been set as the actual collection week. Bring your items to the church, and they will be forwarded to the proper collection point.

The need for clothing among the refugees of Europe is desperate and real. Used clothing and shoes (particularly men's clothing), bedding, blankets, mattresses, used sheets and pillow cases can be used to great advantage throughout the stricken areas.

"I was . . . naked, and ye clothed me." Matt. 25:35-36.

**Your Editor recently returned from a meeting at Dana College**, and he is happy to report that the Emmaus students at Dana and Trinity Seminary are in excellent health and spirits. All who are connected with the school agree that this year's student body is the best in a very long time. The vigor and spiritual tone and serious purpose of the young people is very apparent. This is a good sign, a very good sign, for the future of our school and our church.

**Baptized on October 22** was Wanda Lee Dorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Dorman, born February 16, 1950. Sponsors: Mrs. Albert Monday and Robert Monday.

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man blood; vast fortunes in gold and silver and precious stones enshrined in temples of marble; all varieties in the worship of non-Christian religions, these represent the agonizing effort of man to discover the answer to this basic enquiry of the soul. We appreciate too little the heart yearnings of a world without Christ. The best that human reason can devise leaves the conscience unsatisfied. God Himself answered this question in the Book His servants wrote for man. Here He revealed Himself and the way by which men could be saved. The Way of Salvation as taught by the Lutheran Church is not a way that men found for themselves, it is a way that was found for them by the revelation of God.—**A Lutheran Handbook.** A. J. Traver.

**Two things to remember:** Our church treasury—when it is weak, our activities and mission suffer. Our advertisers—without them we would have no church newspaper.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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 Balance—Oct. 1 ..... \$563.13

**Lutheran World Action**

August Bank Balance ..... \$15.00  
 Receipts—Sept. .... 47.00  
 Balance—Oct. 1 ..... \$62.00

**Oil Burner Fund**

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Peter Thomsen was appointed by President Andersen to form a committee to provide transportation for old people to and from church on Sundays, including transportation to and from the Old People's Home.

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## ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCE HOLIDAY PLANS AND PROGRAMS

The Christmas season will add many special programs and services to the Emmaus calendar.

On Sunday, December 10, the Bible Class will hold its Christmas party. The Mission Society is planning a Christmas party for Tuesday, December 12, at 8:00 P.M.

On the following day, December 13, the Ladies Aids will combine for a Christmas party at 2:00 P.M. The traditional Children's Christmas Service will take place on the evening of December 17. There will be a program of song and recitation followed by treats for the children.

On Sunday, December 24, at 10:10 A.M., there will be a Christmas Song Service sponsored by the Senior Choir.

On Christmas Day at 10:10 A.M. the Christmas Day Worship Service will be held.

A New Year's Family Service will be conducted at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, December 31, followed by a New Year's Day Worship Service at 10:10 A.M.

Plan to celebrate Christmas in the church—where Christmas has meaning.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION SET FOR DECEMBER 4

At the regular Council meeting of November 7, President Henry Anderson announced that the annual congregational meeting would be held in the church parlors on Monday evening, December 4.

At this Council meeting Oscar Scheel presented the trustees' report, Fred Christensen read his financial report and Pastor Petersen gave his report. These were accepted by the Council.

Peter Thomsen read a letter from Henry Lund requesting that a Sunday be set aside to be designated as Lutheran Welfare Sunday. It was decided to withhold action on this request until the December meeting.

## ADULT CONFIRMANDS TO JOIN EMMAUS

On Sunday, December 10, another class of adults will be received into the Emmaus congregation.

The members of this class are Charles Anthony, Joseph Cespkes, Mrs. Kenneth Fought, Mrs. Glenn Johnson, Miss Doris Lea, Mrs. Victor Lipke and Harold Traeger.

## A CHRISTMAS GREETING

We use this medium to convey to all our homes our Christmas greetings and best wishes. May the true joy and peace pervade your homes and hearts. May there be a minimum of sorrow and a maximum of good cheer—above all, a new and glorious experience of God's love in Christ Jesus.

—Pastor and Mrs. Petersen and children.

## BUDGET FOR 1951 ANNOUNCED

The congregational budget, announced in connection with the every-member canvass, reveals that Emmaus will need a minimum of \$12,500.00 to discharge its local expenses and mission commitments for 1951.

A little arithmetic reduces this total to an individual obligation of almost exactly \$19.00 per confirmed member. If one looks at this figure long enough, it certainly is not very great. Still, our congregation had a difficult task in meeting its expenses during 1950. Why? That is a question which every member should analyze for himself.

Suffice it to say that for every member who gives nothing, some other member will have to give double in order to balance the budget. In any event, the sum of \$12,500.00 should not be an insurmountable goal for a congregation of more than 600 confirmed members.

Throughout the synod, Emmaus has a reputation for taking prompt and full action on its obligations. We should not be satisfied with anything less than an accomplishment exceeding our budget in 1951.

## LADIES AID ELECTS OFFICERS

At their luncheon meeting of November 15, the English Ladies Aid elected officers for 1951.

Those named were: Mrs. William Christensen, president; Mrs. Sigurd Petersen, vice-president; Mrs. Elmo Andersen, secretary; and Mrs. Reuben Andersen, treasurer.

At this meeting, funds were voted for Lutheran World Action, Bethany Children's Home, Oaks Children's Home and Ebenezer Old People's Home.



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### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This is the time of the year when significant dates appear on the calendar. Thanksgiving day, coming at the end of the summer harvest, is the resonant "Amen" of God's people to another year of blessings. Though the day has become increasingly secularized, it nevertheless is a potent reminder to the American people that this nation was founded upon faith in God, and that we shall not long retain our freedom without the faith of the Pilgrims and a conscientious devotion to the Church of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Samuel M. Shoemaker has made the statement that Christianity is important, not for personal solace only but also for public safety. "A clever woman came into the Christian Church and is working with all her might and main for it. Her first motive in so doing was the realization that communism was out to 'take away our place and nation,' and since one couldn't fight wrong ideas with goods and bullets but only by better ideas, she saw no hope anywhere but in a revived and dynamic Christian movement through the churches. That is not a bad place to start. Recognize its relevance as public safety, and later you may seek it as personal solace. Many will come in by this door who will not come by any other. I know the danger of saying, 'God is the only guarantee of your freedom. You want your freedom, so you'd better cultivate God.' But, just the same, that little syllogism 'talks' to sane and practical people. Without God, man does not have the inner strength to stand up to other men who would enslave him. One recalls William Penn's memorable saying, 'Men must be governed by God, or they will be ruled by tyrants.' And without God, there is no basic inner check upon our human pretensions that causes us to take undue liberties with our liberty, which is the first step in forfeiting it.

"When a man accepts Christ, he must do so, as Dr. W. E. Orchard once said, 'upon the absolute basis that Christ is what he means by truth, and His career is what he calls success.' But he must do it, also, with the realization that Christ has meaning, not alone for his own immortal soul but for the future condition of his country and his world. Every time a man or woman is converted to Christ, there is another potential agent for the making and maintaining of a free world under God. Let us tell our people these things!"

With Thanksgiving in the background, we look forward to the Advent season and Christmas. Advent stresses the fact that our Christian faith has a forward look, constant anticipation, a hope. That is true with regard to the great finale of the world, the kingdom of God that has foundations and cannot be shaken. It is also true in the innermost recesses of the Christian soul—always we are anticipating new blessings, further guidance, renewed strength from God.

When Advent has come, can Christmas be far behind? That great event of history, the birth of our Savior, captivates our souls and holds us bound to God's love from which nothing can separate us. In that great event we have a guarantee: "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also give us all things with Him?"



**EMMAUS NOTES**



FRED CHRISTENSEN, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, HAS ANNOUNCED that the church books for 1950 will be kept open until January 7, 1951. Contributions for 1950 can be made up to and including that date, though if such contributions are made in the 1951 envelopes, the envelopes should

be marked 1950.

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF EMMAUS MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES has been handed to us. Have we missed someone? Milton Christensen, R. 2, Box 173; Roy Demant, R. 1, Sturtevant; James Hansen, 911 Ninth Street; Alan Hansen, 2040 Erie Street; Jerome Larsen, 736 Main Street.

SEE YOU IN  
CHURCH  
NEXT SUNDAY

THINGS WE HAD HOPED TO WRITE ABOUT IN THIS ISSUE: Progress of the consideration of a new parsonage location. . . . More news from the various women's units. . . . Fresh impetus in the Luther League

. . . or, what have you? We feel that there is much more news about the affairs of Emmaus' 658 members than we have been given for the pages of the Emmaus Messenger. Can you help us make this newspaper more interesting for everybody?

THE EXPENSES  
CONTINUE TO INCREASE  
DON'T FORGET YOUR  
CHURCH BUDGET

AS THIS IS BEING WRITTEN, WE ARE IN THE THANKSGIVING SEASON. Truly, we in America have much for which to be thankful. But, as Christians, we cannot be satisfied that we are comfortable and well fed, that our homes are intact and happy. As long as there is need and suffering, we cannot turn away from those who are unfortunate.

In the Lutheran Welfare Society, we have an organization dedicated to the relief of human suffering, doing a faithful work night and day, repairing the damage which life has inflicted upon those less fortunate than ourselves.

Unless this help is given, our whole society must suffer the burden created by the derelict lives in its midst. The work of the Lutheran Welfare Society is an expression of Christ in its purest sense. Our interest and our contributions will strengthen this work, will advance the cause of Christ and will make this a better world for many people.

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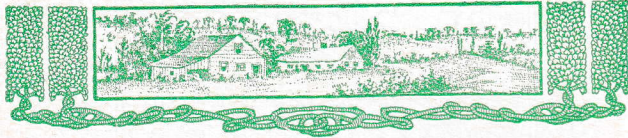
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